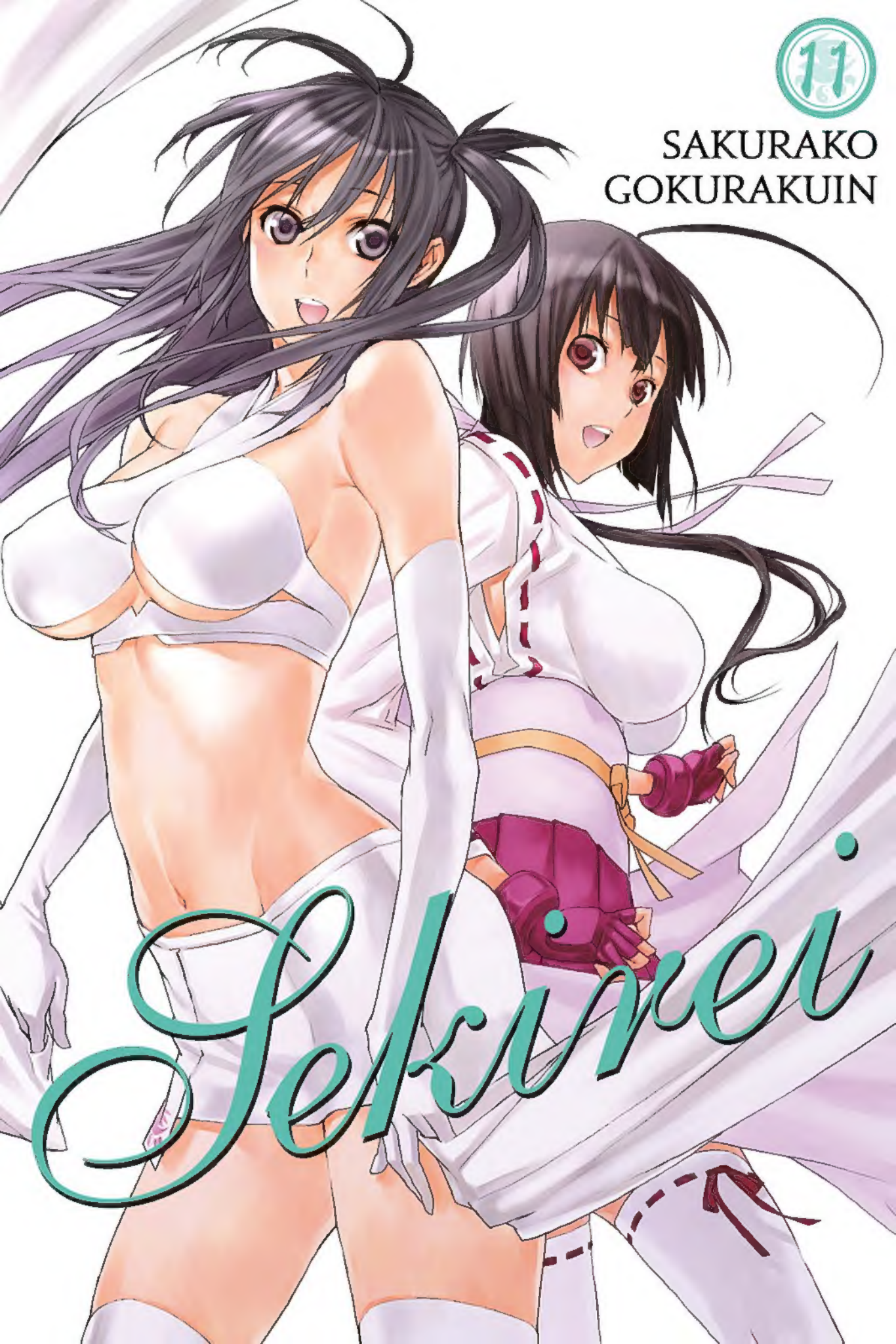
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Chapter 97:
Northern Ashikabi, on the Move

YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD JUST...
...KEEP STEALING JINKI, OVER AND OVER?
HOW ABOUT YOU DON'T TAKE ANYTHING AND JUST LEAVE PEACE-FULLY?
OR...
...WOULD YOU RATHER FIGHT US?

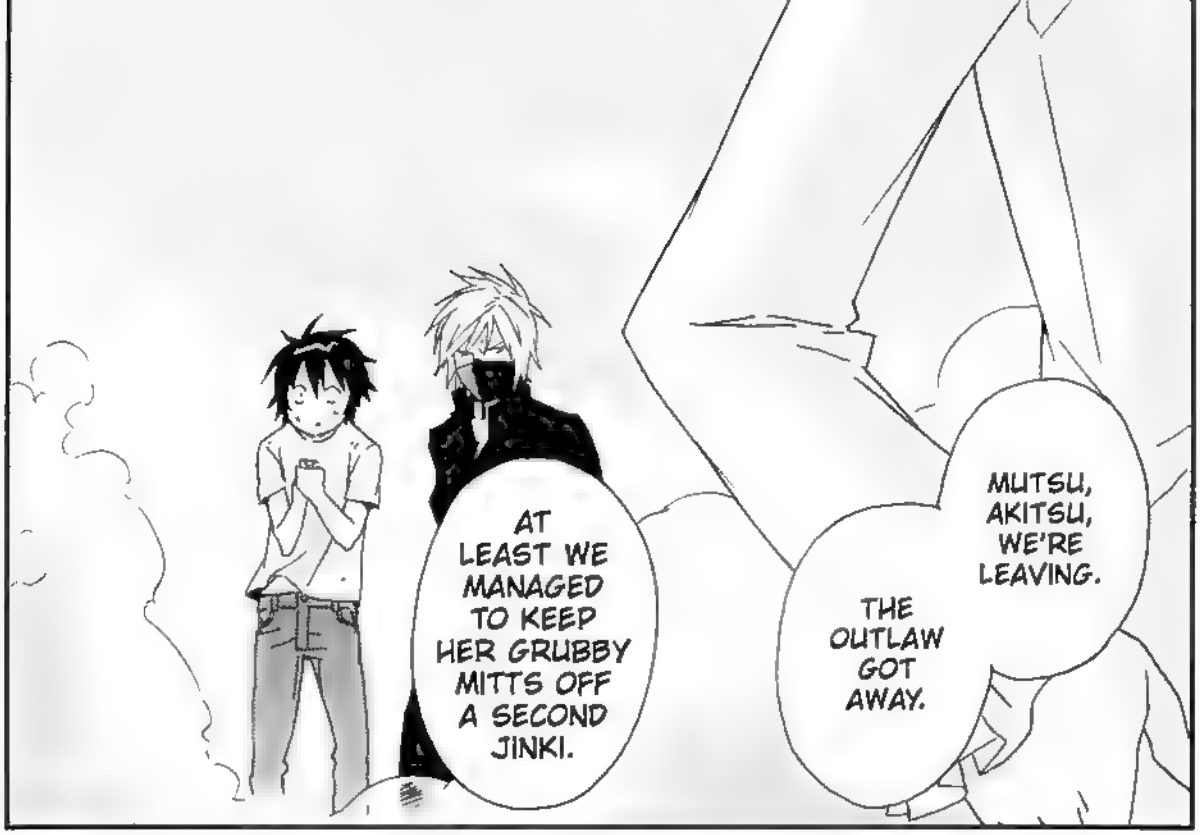
...GET AWAY FROM SAHASHI ...
... UZUME.
FOOM
EEP!

LEAP
TCH...
FLAP
UZUME-SAN!!

...IT MAKES A MESS OF THE WHOLE GAME, Y'KNOW.
WHEN PEOPLE DON'T FOLLOW THE RULES...
!
HEY, WAIT!
YOU FRILLY SEKIREI!!
...TO WHOEVER'S CONTROL-LING YOU.
SO STOP SCREWING EVERYTHING UP!
TELL THAT...
UZUME-SAN!!
LEAP

UZUME-SAN.....
WE DON'T HAVE TO CHASE HER, RIGHT?
NAH, SHE'LL DELIVER THE MESSAGE. ♪
IT'LL BE A GOOD WARNING TO THE GUY PULLING HER STRINGS.
...SAHASHI.

YOU DON'T GOTTA LOOK SO TENSE...
...
"NORTH-ERN ASHIKABI."
BECAUSE THE GUY WHO'D BENEFIT FROM US CRUSHING EACH OTHER? I LIKE *HIM* EVEN LESS.
IT'S TRUE I DON'T LIKE YOU, BUT...
...I DON'T FEEL LIKE FIGHTING YOU HERE.
SO IS YOUR JINKI SAFE?
AH..... YES.
THAT'S GOOD.


MUTSU, AKITSU, WE'RE LEAVING.
THE OUTLAW GOT AWAY.
AT LEAST WE MANAGED TO KEEP HER GRUBBY MITTS OFF A SECOND JINKI.

SAY WHA—!?
TURN
SPIN

MUTSU... NO. 05.
...OF THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD .....

AHHH, IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW.
THE NORTH... RIGHT. IZUMO INN.
GUESS THAT'S WHERE THE HANNYA, THE PERV, AND THE DRUNK ARE...
HEY, TALK TO ME, MUTSUUU!

...AND YOU'VE BONDED WITH THAT MAN?
YOU'RE THE SELF-DESTRUCTIVE SEKIREI?
...WHAT OF IT?
WHAT!? DISCIPLINARY SQUAD !?
THAT'S NEWS TO ME, MUTSU!!

...WELL. GOOD LUCK.
HMPH.
THAT TRIO OF WITCHES THOUGH .....
DISCI-PLINARY SQUAD ...?
MINE IS A DARK HISTORY. FORGET ABOUT IT.
WHA —!?
I THINK I KNOW PEOPLE WHO FIT THOSE DESCRIPTIONS...
HANNYA, PERV, AND DRUNK...?
HE'S ENCOUR-AGING ME!?
DISCIPLINARY SQUAD... I...THINK I KNEW THAT, ACTUALLY...
SERI-OUSLY, AKITSU !?
RIGHT. ALSO—
NORTH-ERN ASHI-KABI!
YOU MADE OFF WITH NO. 108! I WANTED HER!
AND YOU TOOK OUT MY DEAR NO. 43!!
YOU REALLY DID A NUMBER ON ME BACK IN THE FIRST PHASE.
I'M LETTING YOU OFF EASY TODAY, BUT...
...YOU'RE IN FOR A BAD TIME IF WE MEET AGAIN DURING THE GAMES!

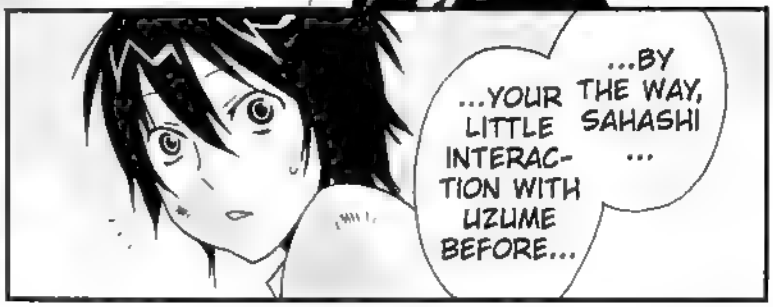
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!!
WE'LL DO THIS BY THE BOOK— BY FIGHTING FAIR AND SQUARE DURING PHASE THREE.
BUT DON'T GET ME WRONG. I'M NO SCHEMING ASHIKABI.

THE GUY WHO'S GONNA COLLECT ALL THE JINKI AND WIN THE WHOLE DAMN GAME...
...IS ME.

LIKE I SAID, MY PAST IS A DARK ONE...
BUT, WAIT, WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT, MUTSUI?

OUCH. OWWW!
FIDGET
FIDGET
UZUME-SAN SURE IS STRONG!
EVEN MUSUBI'S POWER ISN'T ENOUGH TO RIP THIS CLOTH!
STRAIN
CEASE THIS EXCESSIVE FIDGETING, MUSUBI!
STRAIN
HE WAS ENCOURAGING ME...
IS NO. 05... ACTUALLY A NICE GUY?

OH!
R-RIGHT. ALMOST FORGOT TO CALL ...

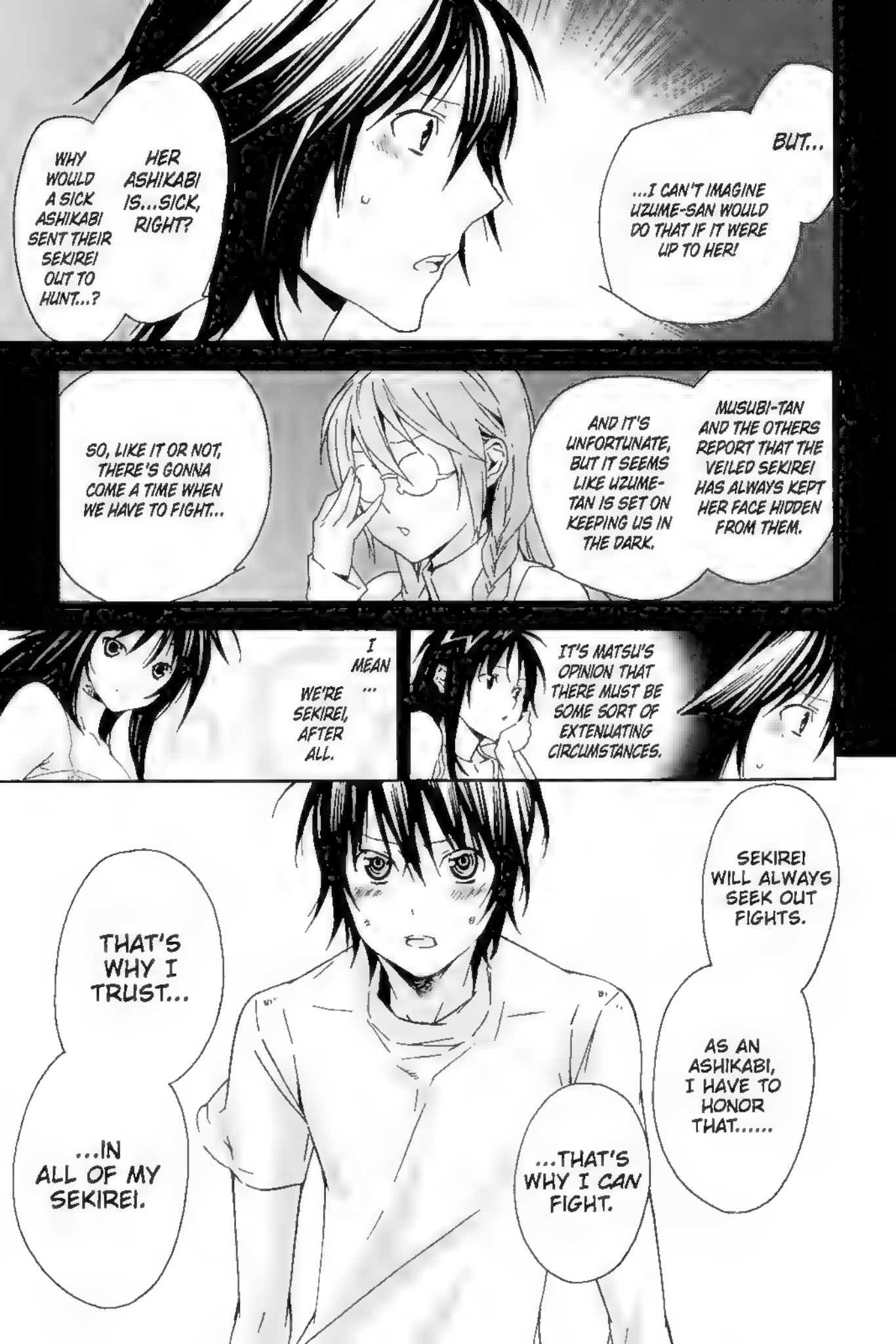

...BY THE WAY, SAHASHI ...
...YOUR LITTLE INTERAC-TION WITH UZUME BEFORE...

I'M GETTING A REAL SENSE OF DÉJÀ VU HERE.
THAT EMBRACE, SPECIFI-CALLY...
I SUPPOSE THAT WAS YOUR ULTIMATE KILLER TECHNIQUE?
HUH?
NO... THAT WAS JUST...

AH, MATSU-SAN.
I PLANTED IT, JUST AS PLANNED.
THAT THING.
⇒Ring⇐
VERY GOOD, MINA-TAAAN.
INDEED, I'M GETTING A CLEAR READING ON THE TARGET'S LOCATION!

THE TRACKER'S WORKING PERFECTLY.
TRACK-ER!?
YOU MEAN... WHEN YOU WERE HUGGING HER, YOU...?
SAHASHI... WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ...?

...A LITTLE BIT BEFORE UZUME-SAN LEFT IZUMO INN FOR GOOD...
...MATSU-SAN TOLD ME SOME-THING.....
I'D LIKE YOU TO KEEP THIS BETWEEN US.
THE VEILED SEKIREI... JUST MAY BE UZUME-TAN.
!
SHE'S NO. 10...AND HER WEAPON IS A VEIL...
I'VE NOTICED BLOOD SPLATTERS ON SOME OF HER CLOTHES— PROBABLY FROM OTHER SEKIREI.
THE RECENT RASH OF SEKIREI BATTLES WITH UNKNOWN WINNERS...
IF IT WAS ONE WHERE THE LOSING SEKIREI CEASED TO FUNCTION... UZUME-TAN WAS ALWAYS OUT OF THE HOUSE AT THE TIME.
IF WE FOLLOW THAT THOUGHT TO THE LOGICAL CONCLUSION—
...MATSU DOESN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT EITHER, BUT...


HER ASHIKABI IS...SICK, RIGHT?
WHY WOULD A SICK ASHIKABI SENT THEIR SEKIREI OUT TO HUNT...?
BUT...
...I CAN'T IMAGINE UZUME-SAN WOULD DO THAT IF IT WERE UP TO HER!
SO, LIKE IT OR NOT, THERE'S GONNA COME A TIME WHEN WE HAVE TO FIGHT...
AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE UZUME-TAN IS SET ON KEEPING US IN THE DARK.
MUSUBI-TAN AND THE OTHERS REPORT THAT THE VEILED SEKIREI HAS ALWAYS KEPT HER FACE HIDDEN FROM THEM.
I MEAN ...
WE'RE SEKIREI, AFTER ALL.
IT'S MATSU'S OPINION THAT THERE MUST BE SOME SORT OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.
THAT'S WHY I TRUST...
...IN ALL OF MY SEKIREI.
SEKIREI WILL ALWAYS SEEK OUT FIGHTS.
AS AN ASHIKABI, I HAVE TO HONOR THAT.....
...THAT'S WHY I CAN FIGHT.

BUT UZUME-SAN...
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE THAT SHE'S IN SOME TERRIBLE SITUATION.
EARLIER, TSUKIUMI SAID SHE WOULDN'T FORGIVE ANYONE WHO DISHONORS SEKIREI BATTLES.
YEAH...I COULD NEVER FORGIVE A *HUMAN* LIKE THAT EITHER...
...AND WHAT THE SOUTHERN ASHIKABI SAID A MINUTE AGO CONVINCED ME.
SOMEONE'S CONTROLLING HER.
WELL... I ALREADY HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT...
...THAT TRACKER I PUT ON UZUME-SAN SHOULD LEAD US TO THE ANSWER.
SO... HOW ABOUT IT?
WHAT SAY WE MESS WITH THIS GUY?
...SOUND GOOD?

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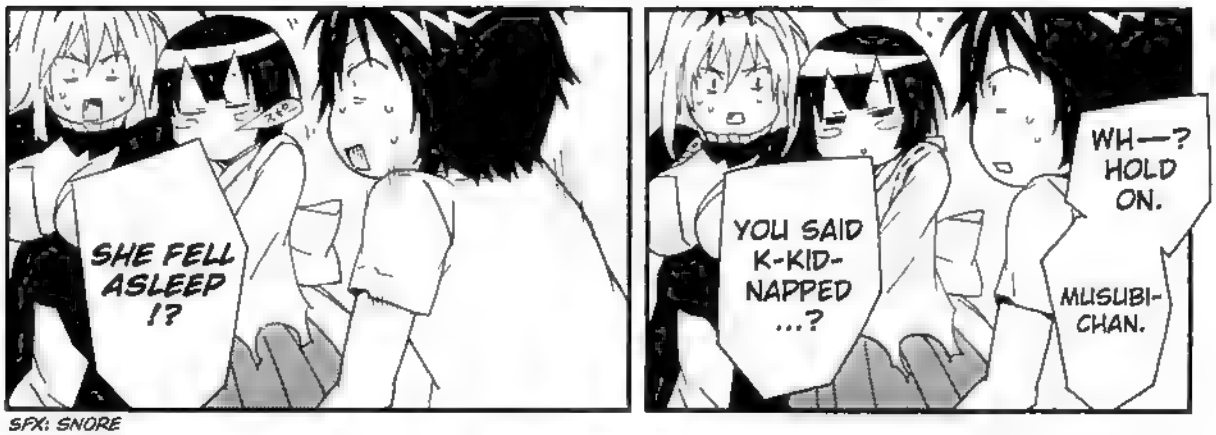
AH!
RIGHT, RIIIGHT.
THERE! THEY'RE THERE!
FU-CHAN! FU-CHAN!

YAWN
ふわぁ
WELL, KUSANO-CHAN...
...SHALL WE GO? ♡
LET'S GO, LET'S GO! ♡
FLOAT
HEY! YOU'RE HEAVY, MUSUBI!
WAKE UP! I'M TIRED AS WELL.
TSUKIUMI-SAAAN, SO SLEEPY...
COME TO THINK OF IT, EVERY "ROUND" SINCE THE FIRST HAS BEEN AT NIGHT.
WHAT COULD MINAKA BE THINKING?
-A CRAM STUDENT USED TO ALL-NIGHTERS
...SO IT ENDED UP BEING AN ALL-NIGHTER.
WE GOT THE CALL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT ...
FORMER HOST AND NIGHT OWL
OH. YEAH. IT'S ALREADY MORNING .....

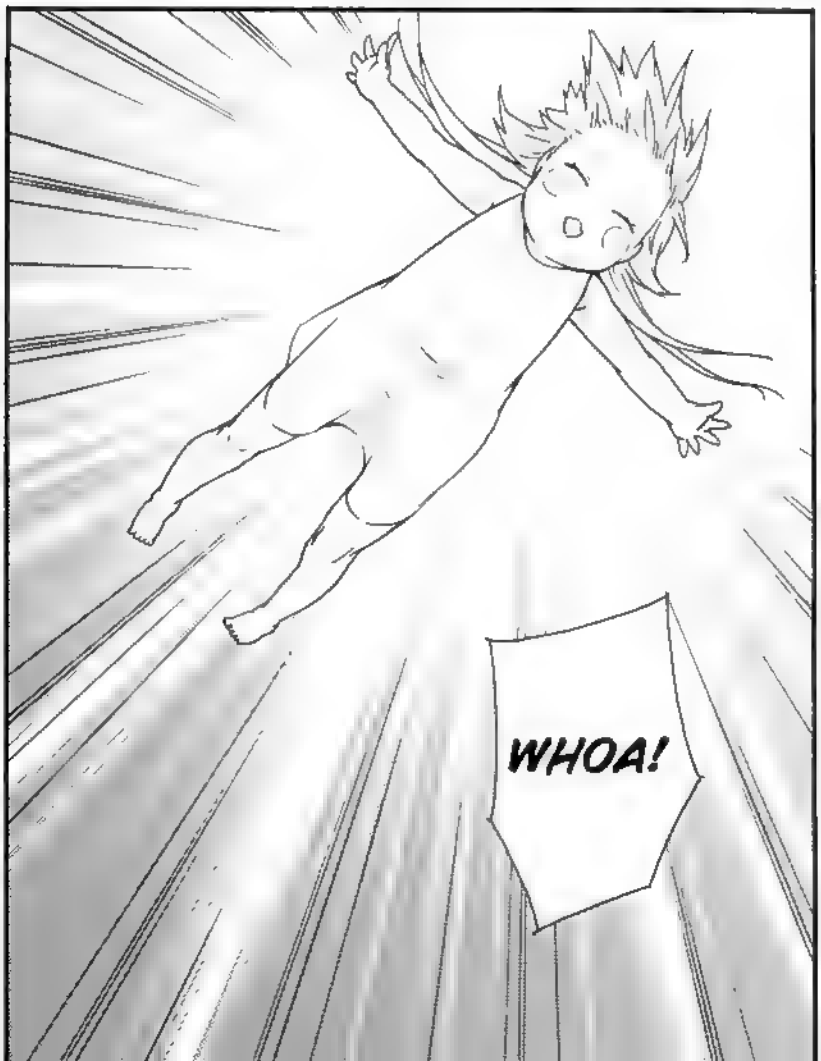
UMM... THESE ARE JUST MY THOUGHTS, BUT...
IT'S ALWAYS AT NIGHT. THERE'S ALWAYS SMOKE. IT ALWAYS INVOLVES GIANT STRUCTURES... SEEMS LIKE...
...HE WANTS LARGE-SCALE BATTLES ...
... BUT ...
...HE ALSO WANTS TO KEEP IT HIDDEN FROM THE PUBLIC... I GUESS?
THAT'S JUST HOW MINAKA IS.
WITH MBI'S POWER, HE'S GOT TEITO AND ALL OF JAPAN UNDER HIS CONTROL.
BUT THAT CONTROL DOESN'T EXTEND OVERSEAS.
I BET PLENTY OF OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD LOVE TO SPY ON US, JUST LIKE MATSU.
CONSIDERING SEKIREI ABILITIES...
...IT'S HARDLY AN EXAGGERATION TO CALL US "MILITARY SECRETS."
AND IT'S A SURE THING THAT MINAKA DOESN'T WANT TO SEE A REPEAT OF THE KAMIKURA ISLAND INVASION.
MILITARY ...
THAT'S RIGHT.

THEY SAVED MUSUBI!
MUSUBI WAS KIDNAPPED, YOU KNOOOW!
BUT THEN YUME-SAMA AND KARASUBA-SAMA CAME AND SAVED ME!
KID—
KID-NAPPED !?
BUT NOW YUME-SAMA IS GONE...
GLOOMY
THAT'S WHY MUSUBI HAS TO GET STRONGER.
THIS TIME, MUSUBI WILL PROTECT EVERYONE ELSE.


SHE FELL ASLEEP !?
YOU SAID K-KID-NAPPED ...?
WH—? HOLD ON.
MUSUBI-CHAN.

SFX: SNORE

WHAT DID YOU MEAN, MUSUBI?
WAKE UP, NOW!
W-WAS SHE SLEEP-TALKING...?
BIG BROTHER-RRRR!


WHOA!

BIG BROTHER-RRRR!

SLAM
WELCOME HOOOME!
YEAH!
HA-HA... KU...KU-CHAN...
...YOU CAME TO GREET US...
OH DEEEAR.
I FLUBBED THE LANDING ...
FU-CHAN IS COMING TOO!
TH-THANK YOU.
... REALLY LIKE DROPPING DOWN FROM ABOVE.
I GUESS SEKIRE! ...
HA... HA-HA...
SLAM
GAAH!
HUH?

W...
WE'RE BACK...
GOOD WORK OUT THERE!
IS EVERYONE OKAY?
NO INJURIES OR—
ACK.
WAKE UUUP!
MINA-TAN, THOSE WOUNDS —
DID YOU GET BEATEN UP!?
NO... UMM...
JUST MET WITH A PAS-SIONATE GREETING ...
RUMPLED

OOH! ♡ FOOD.
FOOOOD! ♡
WELCOME HOME.
FOOD IS READY FOR EVERYONE.
...AND EXPECT TO SIT DOWN FOR A MEAL. ♡
FOOOOD...
...YOU CAN'T STEP FOOT IN IZUMO INN LOOKING LIKE THAT...
MUSUBI-SAAAN...
MATSU-SAN.
OKAAAY.
PLEASE MAKE USE OF IT, EVERYONE.
THE BATH IS WARMED AND READY.

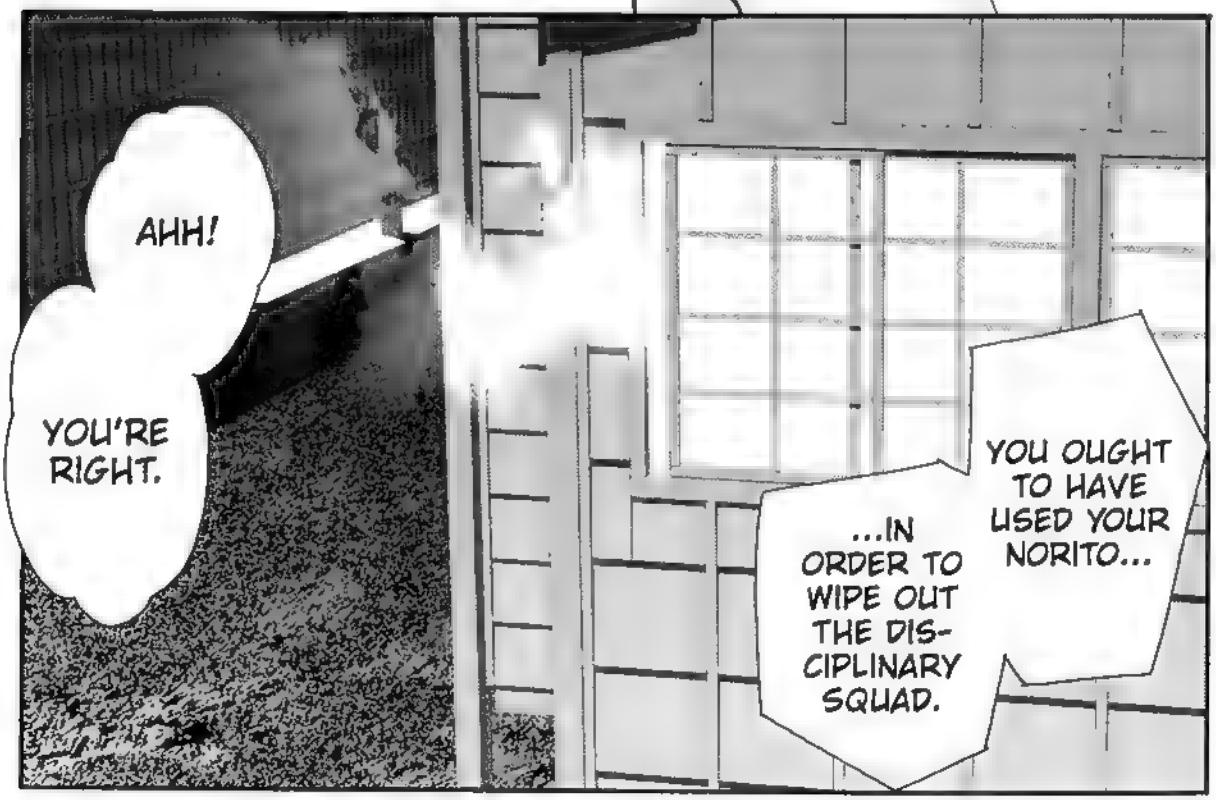
WE'RE TRACKING HER.
SHE'S CURRENTLY ON THE MOVE STILL.
AND... SURE ENOUGH ...
WHAT ABOUT UZUME-SAN...?
...SHE'S HEADED TO THE EAST AREA.
AH...UM, MINA-TAN...
PEEKING IN ON HER OWN PC
...UZUME-TAN HAS STOPPED MOVING.
THE MAN PULLING UZUME'S STRINGS IS...
THE EAST... IT ALL FITS.
JUST LIKE YOU WERE SAYING, SAHASHI.

THIS IS...
HMM? A HOSPI-TAL?
A HOSPI-TAL...!?
THAT COULD BE...
IT SEEMS HER FRIEND HAS BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A LONG TIME.
EVEN UZUME-SAN RARELY GETS TO VISIT...
WE OUGHT TO LOOK INTO IT.
LET'S GO TO MATSU'S ROOM.
OOOH.
IT STINGS ...

LOOKS LIKE IT HURTS!
...WOKE MUSUBI UP.
BUBBLE
THE PAIN...
THE SCRAPES AND CUTS AND BRUISES!
SO TINGLY IN THE HOT WATER...!
MUSUBI WAS BEATEN UP BY THAT DISCIPLINARY SQUAD GIRL... SO EMBARRASSING...

YOU WERE CARELESS!!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU SNUCK IN TO EMBRACE MINATO!

ARE YOU OKAY, MUSUBI?
WHERE DOES IT HURT?


AHH!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
...IN ORDER TO WIPE OUT THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD.
YOU OUGHT TO HAVE USED YOUR NORITO...

LET ME TRANSFER MINATO-SAN'S KISS TO YOU. THEN WE'LL BE EVEN!
ACK!
KISS...?
TWITCH
NO...!
NEVER MIND THAT. NO KISSING!! WHY IS IT ALWAYS THAT WITH YOU!?
HUUH?
BUT DIDN'T YOU GET TO USE YOUR NORITO TOO, TSUKIUMI-SAN?
STOP IT...
...MU-SUBIII!!
SPLASH

HIYAMA CORP. HOSPITAL.
HERE WE ARE. THIS IS WHERE UZUME-SAN IS NOW.
CAN YOU LOOK UP A PATIENT LIST?
IT'S ONE OF MANY AFFILIATES OWNED BY A CERTAIN PARENT COMPANY.
IT'S A SIZABLE GENERAL HOSPITAL.
.....!
...THIS HAS GOTTA BE HER!
YUP... LET'S SEE.
UZUME-TAN'S ASHIKABI...
...IS AT THIS HOSPITAL.
THE PUBLICLY-AVAILABLE MBI DATABASE DOESN'T MENTION HOSPITALIZATION HISTORY, SO IT NEVER OCCURRED TO MATSU...!
日高千穂 Chiho Hidaka
葦牙 ashikabi
NO.10

MINA-TAN, WE HIT THE MOTHER LODE HERE.
IT'S—
THE MAN SET TO INHERIT THIS COMPANY...
SOME SAY IT SEES MBI AS A HATED RIVAL.
AND THIS HIYAMA CORP. HOSPITAL ...
ITS PARENT COMPANY IS A MASSIVE PHARMACEUTICAL CONGLOMERATION.
THE EASTERN ASHIKABI ...
...IZUMI HIGA...
THAT'S THE CONNEC-TION...!
IT'S HIM...!
OF COURSE ...

WAFT
CHIHO
.....

Chapter 99: Wings in Flight

SORRY...
I'M SORRY, CHIHO.
I'M SO USELESS.
...I'M SORRY...

SQUEEZE
CHIHO...
I WAS... DREAMING.

...THE DAY WE FIRST MET, UZUME-CHAN...
DREAMING OF...
NAH, I LOST HER.
SHE THERE?
RUSTLE
LET'S CHECK OVER THERE.
YEAH, SURE THING.

HEE HEE.
HIYA.

I HAVE THIS FRIEND, SEE, AND SHE ESCAPED...
WELL— I HELPED HER RUN AWAY. FROM A CERTAIN PLACE.
AND TURNS OUT SHE TOOK SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT WHEN SHE LEFT, I GUESS?
THEY WERE AFTER YOU?
BUT WHY?
BUT, UH, SHE'S NO THIEF!
WE'RE JUST... GAH. I CAN'T EXPLAIN MYSELF ALL THAT WELL.
IT'S A SPECIAL SITUATION...
MM-HMM.
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A BAD PERSON.
BUT WITH THEM AFTER YOU...
...WILL YOU BE OKAY?
OH. YEAH. I'VE GOT SOMEONE WHO'LL HIDE ME...
...AND THE HEAT'LL DIE DOWN SOON ENOUGH.
MY FRIEND THOUGH— SHE'S DECIDED TO BECOME A TOTAL RECLUSE.
AH HA HA.

.....
WAIT... WHAT'S WITH ME?
WHY'M I TELLING YOU ALL THIS? WE ONLY JUST MET.
I'M NOT USUALLY THE TYPE TO SPILL MY GUTS SO EASILY.....
...UMM, I'M...
I'M SICK... ACTUALLY.
SEE THAT HOSPITAL?
I STAY THERE BY MYSELF, MOST DAYS.
SOMETIMES I SNEAK OUT TO THE PARK THOUGH.
HERE...
...I CAN SEE LITTLE BIRDS.
I LOVE WATCHING THEM FOR HOURS ON END.
THEY GET TO FLY SO FREELY...

WHEN I NOTICED YOU...
...I THOUGHT YOU WERE A PRETTY BIRD.
I'M CHIHO HIDAKA.
...WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
...UZUME...
BADUM

BADUM
I FEEL SO WEIRD...
WHAT'S... THIS?
UMM.
UHH...
WHAT A LOVELY NAME!
UZUME-CHAN.
BLUSH
OKAY...
I'll be back!!
I'll—
DASH!

SINCE THEN...
...YOU REALLY DID COME BACK, UZUME-CHAN.
YOU'VE MADE ME SMILE EVERY DAY...
YOU ALWAYS MAKE ME SO HAPPY...

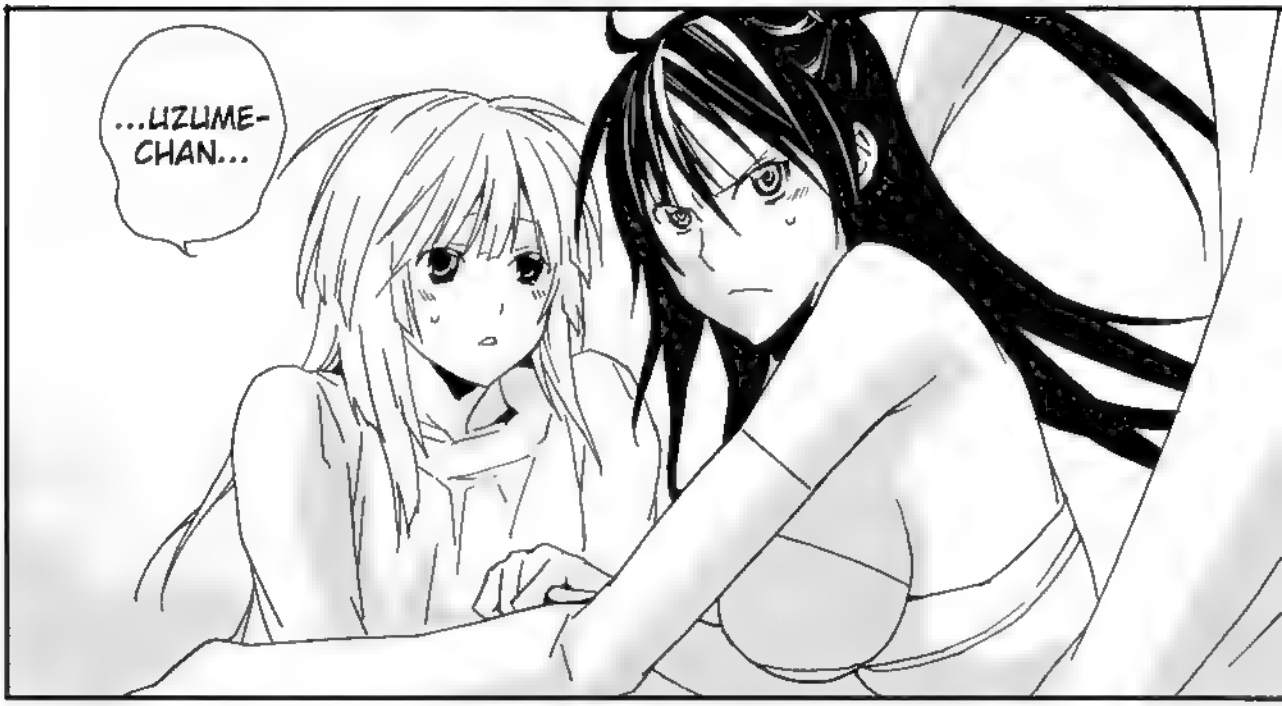
HEY, CHIHO.
I'VE GOT... A REQUEST.

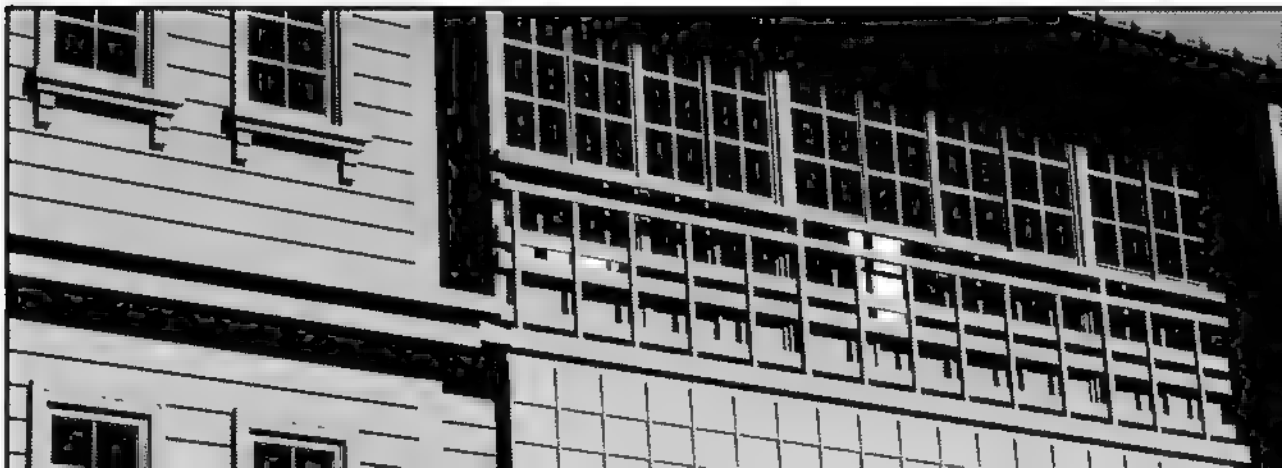
WOULD YOU BE THAT FOR ME.....?
MY ASHIKABI.....
THE PERSON WHO MATTERS MOST TO ME...
SQUEEZE
YES.
I...LOVE YOU TOO.

I LOVE YOU!
UZUME-CHAN...

SINCE THE FIRST DAY WE MET...
...YOU'VE BEEN A DEAR FRIEND TO ME, UZUME-CHAN.
MY PARENTS DIED WHEN I WAS LITTLE, AND I'VE BEEN ALL ALONE SINCE THEN.
YOU GAVE ME A REASON TO GO ON LIVING...
JUST AS YOU'VE SHOWN SO MUCH LOVE AND CARE FOR ME...
...I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW IMPORTANT YOU ARE TO ME, UZUME-CHAN.
...SO DON'T YOU DARE CALL YOURSELF "USELESS."
CHIHO...
KNOCK
コン
KNOCK
コン
!
...
PARDON ME.
DID I INTERRUPT?

...HIGA-SAMA NEEDS TO SPEAK WITH YOU.
PLEASE COME WITH ME.
...NO. 10...


...UZUME-CHAN...



IT'S A VIRUS... AN EVER-EVOLVING ILLNESS.
I CAN'T SAY HOW MUCH IT'S PROGRESSED AS OF NOW, BUT SHE'S DEFINITELY NOT DOING WELL.
MODERN MEDICINE CAN ONLY SLOW IT DOWN, BUT BEYOND THAT...
SHE SEEMS TO HAVE A TERRIBLE AFFLICTION.
UZUME-TAN'S ASHIKABI...
OH NO...
AH!
R— RIGHT!
MBI!!
REMEMBER HOW THEY HEALED ME?
MAYBE MBI CAN DO SOMETHING FOR HER.
...YOU MAY BE RIGHT ABOUT THAT, BUT...
...UZUME WOULD NEVER RELY ON MBI.

THE TRUTH IS, UZUME-TAN HELPED MATSU TO ESCAPE...
WE WERE BOTH PUT ON THE WANTED LIST FOR THAT...
!?
WH-WHY NOT...?
...IT'S MATSU'S FAULT.
UH... IS...
IS THAT SO...?
BUT, YES, MBI... THERE MAY BE HOPE YET...
WE'RE OUT OF THE BATH!
WE MUST USE WHAT WE CAN.
FLIP
SAHA-SHI?
I'M GETTING UZUME-SAN BACK!

...MY CUTE, LITTLE FLEDGLINGS HAVE BATTLED THEIR WAY THROUGH THREE ROUNDS.
NOW, IN THE THIRD PHASE OF THE SEKIREI PROJECT...
ONLY FOUR JINKI REMAIN!

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Sekirei

ISN'T THAT RIGHT!?
TAKAMI-KUN!!
...I HATE TO ASK AT THIS POINT, BUT...
...DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY DOING, MINAKA!?
TAKING THOSE DANGEROUS "JINKI"...
...AND CALLING THEM "PRIZES ♡". HANDING THEM OUT LIKE CANDY.

I FLEE!
NO. 02 MADE OFF WITH ONE OF THE EIGHT, DIDN'T SHE?
BECAUSE SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT A SITUATION LIKE THIS, I BET.
NOW, NOW, TAKAMI-KUN.
THINGS WILL ONLY GET SERIOUS IF ALL EIGHT ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER.
WELL, THAT'S NOTHING WE CAN'T HANDLE.
THE SECOND JINKI WENT MISSING WHEN NO. 73 WAS TAKEN OUT.
FROM WHAT YOU JUST SAID, I ASSUME YOU KNOW WHO HAS IT.
HA HA HA HA!
THERE IS NOTHING I DON'T KNOW!
UNTIL THEN, THEY'RE BASICALLY JUST "MYSTERY ITEMS."
JUST BECAUSE A COUPLE OF TROUBLESOME ASHIKABI GET THEIR HANDS ON ONE OR TWO—
THE GAME MASTER OUGHT TO ENJOY A BIT OF IMPROV FROM HIS PLAYERS, NO?

THE MORE INTERESTING PART IS WHERE NO. 02 SNUCK AWAY TO WITH JINKI IN HAND.
SHE KNOWS *THAT'S* A PLACE WHERE WE CAN'T GET AT HER.
THE PLACE WHERE THE RIGHTFUL MASTER OF THE JINKI RESIDES.
IZUMO INN...
YES!
AND THEN—
HE...
...SHOWED UP ON HER DOORSTEP!
EVEN I COULD NOT FORESEE THAT DEVELOPMENT!
ISN'T IT MARVELOUS, TAKAMI-KUN!!?
TAKEHITO ASAMA WAS THE CORE OF MBI BEFORE WE PARTED WAYS.
AND NOW, *HE* LIVES IN THE PLACE IMBUED WITH THOSE STRONG, LINGERING FEELINGS.
IF THAT ISN'T FATE, THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS!

FLAP
COUNTLESS LEGENDS AND MYTHS TELL OF DESTINED CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN FATHERS AND SONS.
THE AGE OF THE GODS...!
PERHAPS THOSE DESTINED TO CONSTRUCT THE HEAVENS...
...NATURALLY COME FROM A LONG LINE OF SUCH ARCHITECTS.
RIGHT, TAKAMI-KUN?

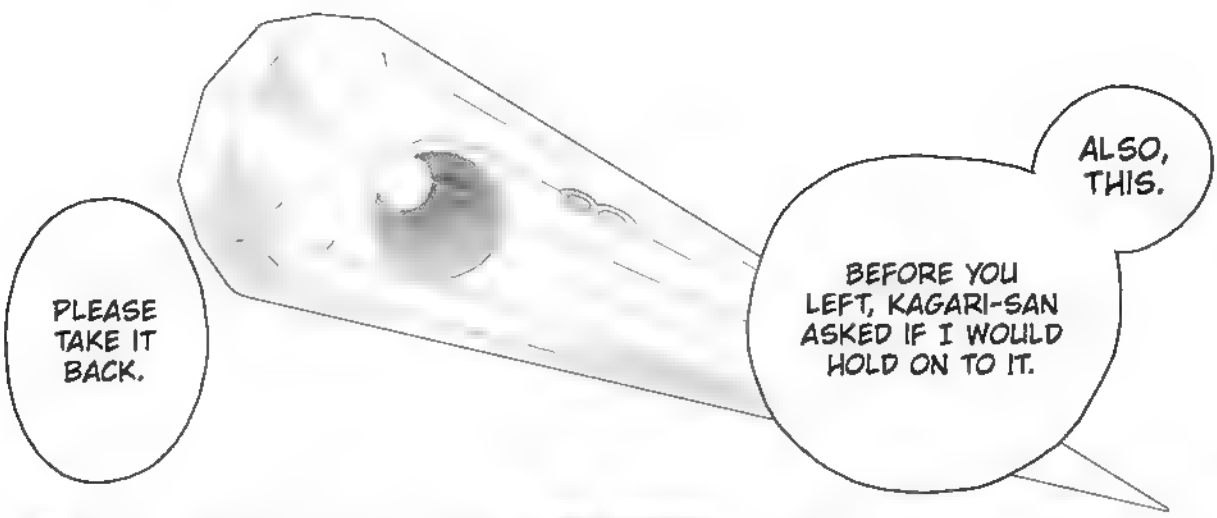
BUH!?
SLAP
FATHER AND SON? WHO MIGHT THEY BE?
I SURE DON'T KNOW, BECAUSE I ONLY GAVE BIRTH TO A PAIR OF BASTARDS.
THAT'S TOO CRUEL, TAKAMI-KUUUN...
THAT HURTS, TAKAMI-KUUUN...
TUG
SHUT UP! WE DON'T EVEN SHARE A LAST NAME!!
GET OFFA ME.
->Ring<-
->Ring<-
->Ring<-
PRETTY SOON...
NOT TOO LONG, NOW...
... BEFORE WE'LL SHARE A GRAVE!
->Ring<-
MY PHONE.
CALL
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL—
HUH?

I'VE GOT A SERIOUS REQUEST...
U-UMM.
HEY, MOM.
IT'S ME.
CAN... YOU HELP ME SAVE SOMEONE?
LET ME EXPLAIN.
HMM?
HMM?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
?

SWAY
THAT MUSUBI!
THAT...
PERHAPS I'M JUST DIZZY FROM THE BATH...
...ESPECIALLY AFTER THEY WRAPPED THEMSELVES ABOUT ME.....!
あんっ
STOP !!!T!
あ
THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED TO TOUCH MY BODY IS MINATO!
I WOULD LET MINATO...DO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING...
LAND-LADY-DONO .....?

BECOME STRONGER.
.....
STRONGER.

UNTIL YOU CAN PROTECT THOSE YOU LOVE.
UNTIL YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF.
BECOME STRONGER.
THAT IS MY ONE WISH FOR YOU...
...FROM ME, WHO HAS DESCENDED FROM THE THRONE OF THE GODS.
...UMI-SAN.
AH.
TSUKIUMI-SAN?
WH-WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
IT SOMEHOW FELT... FAMILIAR...
YOU... WHO ARE...?
LANDLADY-DONO.
FU-FU. WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK DAZED.
THE FOOD IS READY, SO WON'T YOU HELP ME CARRY IT IN?
EVERYONE MUST BE STARVING.

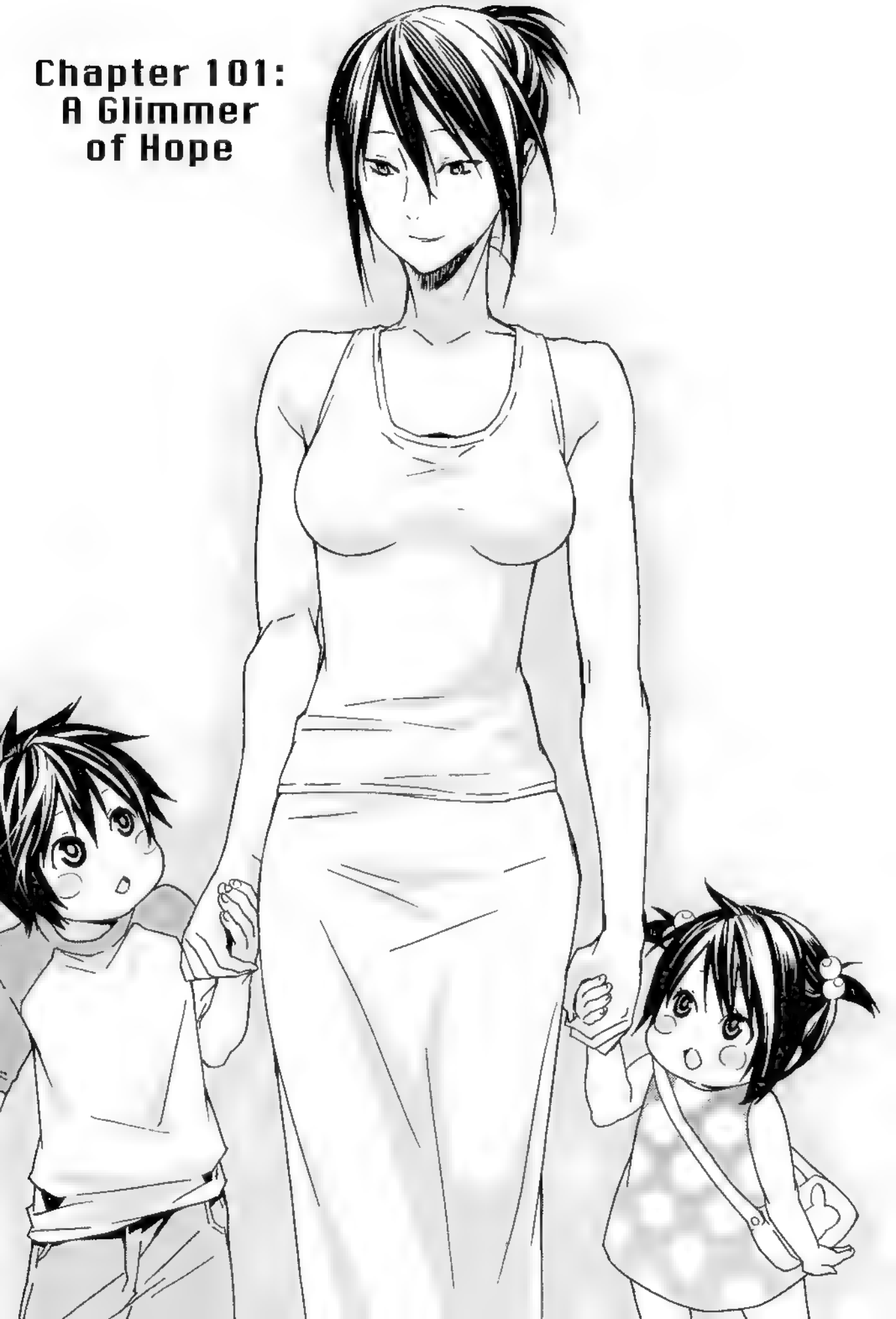

PLEASE TAKE IT BACK.
BEFORE YOU LEFT, KAGARI-SAN ASKED IF I WOULD HOLD ON TO IT.
ALSO, THIS.

...I THINK I GET THE GIST OF IT.

But this "Hiyama Corp. Hospital" and its conglomeration...
They've been at odds with MBI since way back when.
They'd never accept our medical tech, even if we offered.
BUT...!
EXCITED
Th-the stuff you used on me was unapproved !!?
IT'S UNAPPROVED. WE CAN'T USE IT.
THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THAT MBI'S NEWLY-DEVELOPED MEDICINE COULD HELP HER RECOVER, BUT...
SOMEHOW? WHAT'S THAT MEAN, "SOMEHOW" ...!?
MOM!!
EEK!
I knew it'd work out somehow.
I took the risk with you because you're family.
HUH?
SWIPE
FROM A HUMANITARIAN POINT OF VIEW, WE OUGHT TO TAKE ACTION, HERE!
NO, NO, TAKAMI-KUN!
I CAN TELL HOW MUCH YOU CARE ABOUT THIS, BUT I'M AFRAID THAT—
THIS IS MBI'S CEO...
... HIROTO MINAKA.

HIROTO MINAKA !?
C—
CEO!?
How do you do, Minato Sahashi-kun? ♪
That girl...
I'll save her for you!
How-ever ...
Only if you can manage to get her to MBI yourself!
Can you do it?

Chapter 101: A Glimmer of Hope



HOW-EVER...
ONLY IF YOU CAN MANAGE TO GET HER TO MBI YOURSELF!
CAN YOU DO IT?
THAT GIRL...
I'LL SAVE HER FOR YOU!
...!
IF WE BRING HER TO MBI...
...UZUME-SAN'S ASHIKABI CAN BE SAVED...!!

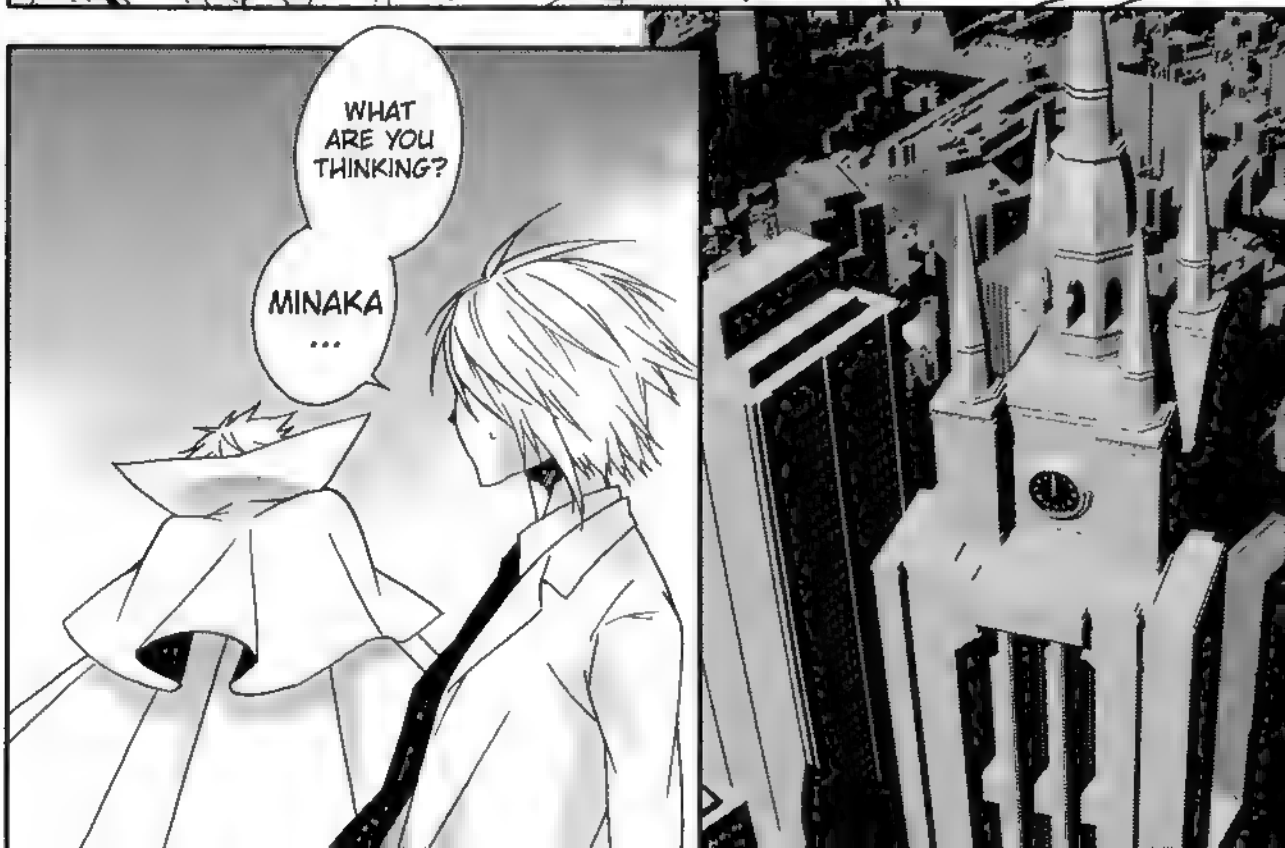
SAHA-SHI!
IT'S GOT TO BE A TRAP.
INDEED. THIS COULD BE A SCHEME OF SOME SORT.
THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW FOR SURE...
THE CEO DOES LIKE TO PLAY TRICKS. ♡
MM-HMM! MM-HMM!
...NOW, THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK ABOUT SOME-ONE.
Be careful here, Mina-tan.
Yeah! Don't get careless with this guy.
The CEO likes to play tricks! ♡
Mm-hmm! Mm-hmm!

WHETHER YOU BELIEVE ME AND TAKE ACTION...
...OR DOUBT ME AND LOSE ANY CHANCE YOU MIGHT HAVE HAD...
THIS IS AN ACT OF MERCY.
I'M VOLUN-TEERING HERE.
...it's all up to you, Minato Sahashi-kun.
.....
...When I decided to call Mom... errr...my mother...
No... even before that—my heart was already set on this.
IF THERE'S ANY HOPE AT ALL...
...ALL I CAN DO IS CLING TO IT.

MINATO SAHASHI-KUN!
I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME YOU SPOKE TO ME!
SINCE YOU SPOKE THOSE YOUTHFUL WORDS...
INDEED, TIME HAS FLOWN SINCE THEN...
"WH-WHO ARE YOU?"
THOSE WERE YOUR FIRST WORDS.
I-I DON'T REMEMBER THAT.
...AND YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH.
IT MAKES ME PROUD.

TH...
THANK YOU.

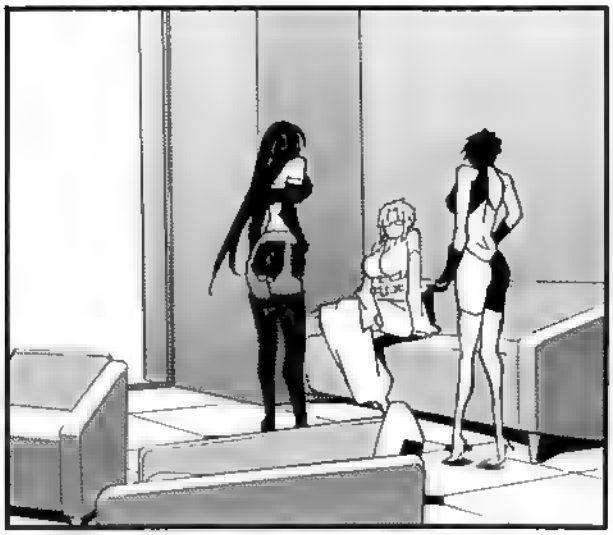
S-SO CASUAL AT THE END THERE.
CLICK
Break a leg! ☆
Bring her to the MBI building, and Takami-kun will take it from there.
ANY-WAY!

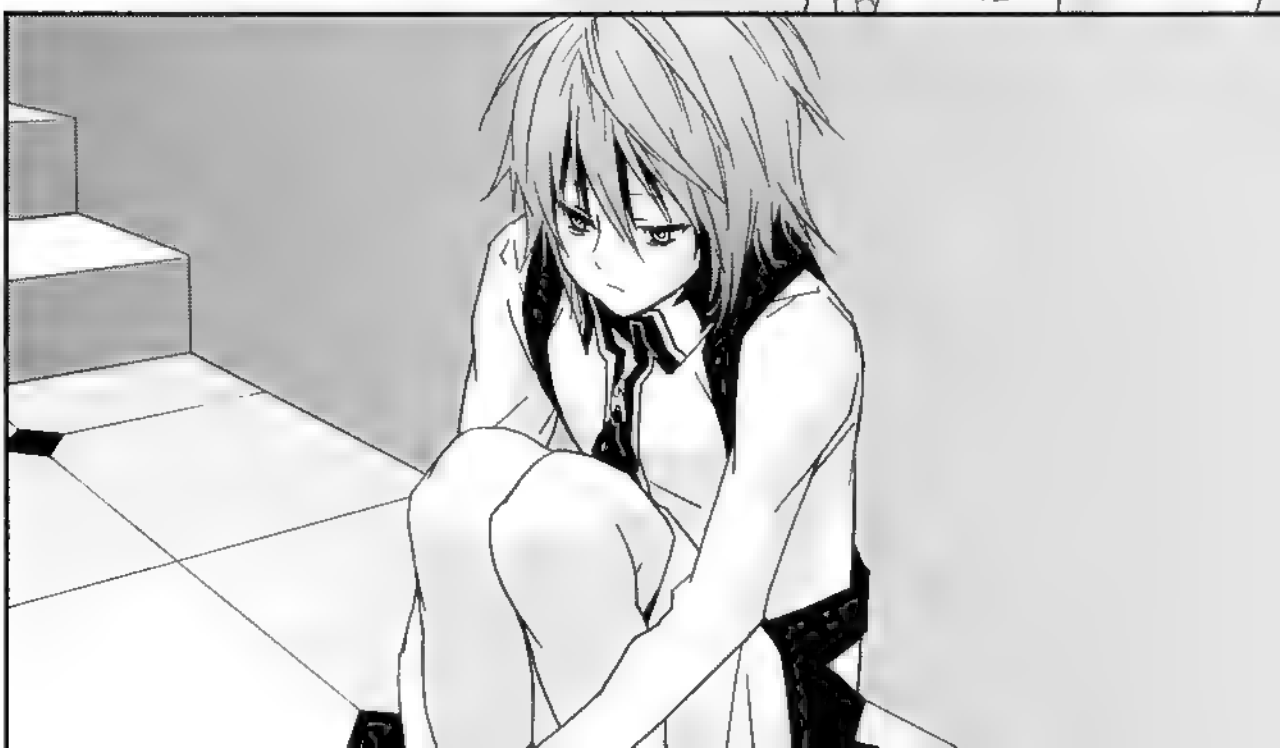

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
MINAKA ...

A YOUNGSTER FILLED WITH DETERMINATION IS A WONDERFUL THING, TAKAMI-KUN!
...DO YOU HAVE SOME ULTERIOR MOTIVE ...?
IT'S JUST THAT EVEN I FEEL LIKE HELPING PEOPLE OUT NOW AND THEN.
...HUH?
SO I'M SURE YOU'LL GET A KICK OUT OF HEALING SOMEONE THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO.
SHOCK
SHOCK
THEY SPREAD A LOT OF HATE ABOUT YOU IN THE INDUSTRY.
BACK WHEN MBI WAS RISING TO POWER, THAT HIYAMA CORP...
.....THIS IS ACTUALLY JUST ABOUT A PERSONAL GRUDGE, NO?
POW
...TAKAMI-KUN, JUST TAKE MY NAME ALREADY—
KYAHI
THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.
SOMETIMES, YOU'RE STRANGELY HUMAN LIKE THAT.
...NOT THAT I MIND.

SNAP

PLEASE WAIT HERE A MOMENT.





...HEY, YOU.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
THOSE THREE...
THEY WERE OUT WITH HIGA UNTIL A LITTLE WHILE AGO.
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAVE YOUR ASHIKABI IN THE MEANTIME?
BE-CAUSE... I...
YUKARI-SAN... SHE...
SHE LIKES... HUMANS... BETTER THAN ME...

BUT...
DID YOUR ASHIKABI SAY THAT HERSELF?
...LOOK, I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.
SHAKE
...I NEVER HAD A CHOICE, Y'KNOW.

BUT YOU...
YOUR CASE IS DIFFERENT, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.
YOUR ASHIKABI ...
...IS DIFFERENT.
NO. 10.
WE'RE SEKIREI, AREN'T WE!?
BELIEVE IN YOUR ASHIKABI, IF NO ONE ELSE.
DON'T DANCE TO HIS TUNE!

AH...
IN YUKARI-SAN.....
...MY ASHIKABI.
BELIEVE IN...
THAT'S TOO BAD.
IT SEEMS YOU FAILED TO ACQUIRE THE JINKI.

...YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, YES?
YOUR ASHIKABI IS RECEIVING STATE-OF-THE-ART TREATMENT AT MY HOSPITAL. HER LIFE IS ON THE LINE.
IF SHE WERE TO LEAVE, YOUR ASHIKABI WOULD HAVE TWO WEEKS TO LIVE, AT BEST.
NOT TO BRAG, BUT MY FACILITY HAS BEEN UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED AS THE BEST-EQUIPPED TO HANDLE CASES LIKE HERS.
I'LL... I'LL DO ANYTHING.
JUST— TAKE CARE OF CHIHO .....!
I CAN'T STAND THOSE WHO ARE USELESS TO ME, BUT...
...IN PHASE TWO, YOU SERVED TO THIN OUT THE OPPOSITION AS MY SEKIREI HUNTER.
THEN YOU STOLE A JINKI FOR ME AFTER THE SECOND ROUND THE OTHER DAY.
YOUR WORK IS COMMENDABLE.

I'LL GIVE YOU ONE MORE CHANCE.
IT'S A PLACE YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE.
THE LOCATION OF THE NORTHERN ASHIKABI AND THE NORTHERN HANNYA...
...I THINK YOU KNOW WHY YOU'RE THE BEST-SUITED FOR THIS, NO?
THOUGH YOU FAILED TO STEAL IT THE FIRST TIME...
GET THAT PARTICULAR JINKI.
THE NORTHERN BASE, IZUMO INN.
YOU WILL ATTACK THEM THERE AND BRING ME THAT JINKI.

Chapter 102: Reminiscing Demon

...DO YOU LIKE HIM...LIKE THAT...?
YUKARI-SAN...

...PREFER HUMANS, RIGHT...?
ASHIKABI ...

YOU STILL CAN'T COMPREHEND YOUR OWN VALUE.
UWAHHHH!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME!?
GOING GAGA FOR SOME CHARMER AND PUTTING ON A DRESS JUST BECAUSE HE SAID SO!?
I MADE SHIINA SO SAD.
I SUCK AS AN ASHIKABI...
...I'VE KNOWN WHO DAD IS FOR A WHILE.
EVEN THOUGH MOM TRIED TO HIDE IT...
SHUT UP, YOU.
TAKAMI-KUN, LET'S GET A FAMILY GRAVE TOGETHER.
I MEAN, YEAH...
I'M NO SPACE CASE LIKE BIG BRO.
I BET THAT'S THE "VALUE" HE'S TALKING ABOUT...
THAT'S NOT REALLY MY VALUE, NOW, IS IT...?
...BUT THAT...

FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL
WHENEVER I GET LOST, YOU ALWAYS COME LOOKING FOR ME!!
WHY HAVEN'T YOU COME FOR ME YET!?
COME ON, BIG BRO!
BIG BRO...
CAW
CAW
HIC.
BIG BRO.
BIG BROOO.

WAAH!
WAAH!
WAAH!
WAAH!
...WAIT.
HE SHOULD'VE COME TO SAVE ME ALREADY, BUT...
...?
WEIRD.
HUH?
ALL WRONG.
...THAT'S WRONG.
NO...
SNAP
BIG BROOO —!!
YOU'RE LATE!!

BIG BROOO!
BIG BRO!
YU...
YUKARI...
I-I CAME LOOKING FOR YOU, BUT...
...MY FOOT... SLIPPED...
...AND I FELL DOWN... HA-HA...
CAN...
CAN YOU HELP ME...?
SNAP
...B—

BIG BRO...
...YOU DUMMY —!!
BREATHE
SO WHY...
...AM I SITTING HERE...
...IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
...GETTING ALL SAD...
...AND CRYING TO MYSELF...?
... RIGHT. OF COURSE.
I'M THE TYPE WHO CAN'T SIT AROUND WAITING. I USE MY OWN TWO LEGS.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BIG BRO?

WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK I AM?
I'M YUKARI SAHASHI.
THE DEMON ASHIKABI.
YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD LOCK ME IN A ROOM?
YOU'RE GONNA REGRET THAT.

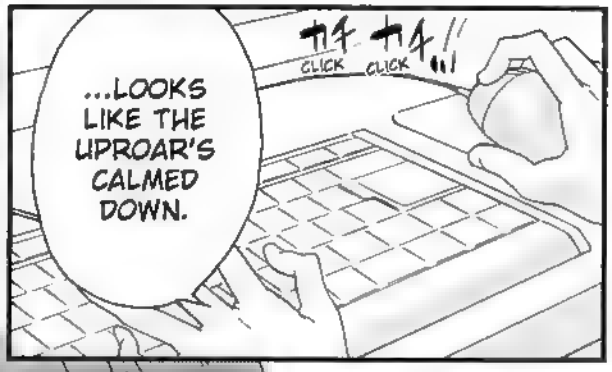
AHH—
—CHOO!
~Beep~
~Beep~
SNIFFLE
DID I CATCH A COLD?
The number you have dialed cannot be reached at this time...
BUT THIS IS YUKARI I'M TALKING ABOUT, SO I'M SURE SHE'S FINE...
YUKARI ...
HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HER LATELY.

PHONE: YUKARI SAHASHI

CREAK
WHERE'M I SUPPOSED TO SLEEP?
SO, UMM
IN MY ROOM THOUGH... THE LAND-LADY'LL BE MAD.
FAST ASLEEP, HUH...?
TUCKERED OUT AFTER THAT ALL-NIGHTER.
CLOSE
MMM. MMM.
KNOCK
KNOCK
MATSU-SAN.
MINA-TAN.
CAN'T SLEEP?
NAH... IT'S JUST THAT MY ROOM WAS HIJACKED WHILE I WAS IN THE BATH...
I WANTED TO CONFIRM SOMETHING WITH YOU THOUGH.
CON-FIRM?
YEAH.

THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD MENTIONED...
...A MASS ESCAPE PLAN.
WHAT HAPPENED WITH THAT?

MOST OF THE ATTEMPTED ESCAPEES WERE WIPED OUT—


...LOOKS LIKE THE UPROAR'S CALMED DOWN.
カチ カチ!!
CLICK CLICK

EIGHTEEN SEKIREI WERE TER-MINATED.
NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THEM MADE IT OUT OF TEITO.

THANKFULLY, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY OF THE ASHIKABI WERE KILLED...
...BUT, WELL... MINA-TAN... WE...
...SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHO TRIED TO ESCAPE.

DURING THE THIRD ROUND...
...IF YOU'D BEEN FORCED TO FIGHT THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD TO THE BITTER END...
...EVEN TSUKIUMI-TAN, MUSUBI-TAN, AND KAGARI-TAN MIGHT NOT HAVE MADE IT OUT OF THERE.

AND IF NO. 04 HAD JOINED THE FIGHT...
KAGARI-SAN.
SAHASHI... NONE OF US, INCLUDING YOU...
...WOULD HAVE EMERGED UNSCATHED.

SWING

...I WILL ABSOLUTELY BEAT HER.
BUT SHE'S LIKE A CHILD WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING.
NO. 04 .....
IT IS I WHO WILL BE THE STRONGEST!!
I'LL RELEASE THEM INTO THE SKY ONCE AGAIN. THEY'LL BE FREE.
AND ALL THE SEKIREI WITH BROKEN WINGS...
OUR ASHIKABI IS QUITE THE OPTIMIST.
MINA-TAN...
SHE SAID SHE'LL DEFINITELY BEAT NO. 04.
...AND MUSUBI-CHAN WANTS TO GET STRONGER.
TSUKI-UMI WILL BE THE "STRONGEST"...
I BELIEVE IN EVERY-ONE.
W-WELL, LET'S ASSUME THAT'S NOT AN ISSUE FOR THE TIME BEING.
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT...
LET'S HOPE WE DON'T FACE HER IN ROUND FOUR.
BUT, UH, I DON'T THINK WE'RE READY JUST YET.

DISCI-PLINARY SQUAD ASIDE...
THE PROBLEM FACING US NOW IS UZUME-SAN.
MATSU BEARS SOME OF THE RESPON-SIBILITY HERSELF, SO...MATSU IS GRATE-FUL FOR MINA-TAN'S DECISION ABOUT THIS.

THE JINKI THEFT IS OUT IN THE OPEN NOW...
...SO THE REASON MATSU HAD FOR CONCEALING HERSELF UP UNTIL THE THIRD PHASE NO LONGER EXISTS.
HERE WE GO.
SO THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME...!

I, NO. 02, MATSU...
...WILL FINALLY BE HEADING OUTSIDE.
WHAT!?

Chapter 103: Counterattack Flag

I'LL BE BACK LATER.
PARDON ME.
BE SURE TO FAWN OVER TAKEHITO-CHAN PLENTY! ♡
SEE YOU LATER, LANDLADY.
U-FU-FU.
KNOCK IT OFF, KAZEHANA.
...EH-HEH-HEH.
ALL IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.
GLINT

WE'RE MOVING OUT!
US TOO, THEN!
YAYYY!
SHINE
カッ
BREATHE
MUSUBI-TAN... ♡
COME ON! ♡ LET'S GO!
DIZZY
AH.
GRAB
EEP...SO BRIGHT. IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE MATSU WAS OUTSIDE...!

WE'RE OFF, MINATO-SAN. ♡
OFF! ♡
WE'LL BE BACK!
EEE...
...EE...
...EE...
...EE...
...EE...
THIS OPERATION WILL BE A DELICATE ONE.

...SECURE THE PATIENT, AND SEND HER OFF TO MBI...!
IF WE'RE FORCED TO FIGHT IN THIS DELICATE SITUATION...IT'LL BE VERY BAD.
WE'LL FORCE OUR WAY INTO THE HOSPITAL...
GIVEN THAT THIS HOSPITAL HOUSES THE ASHIKABI OF UZUME-SAN, HIS ERRAND GIRL...
...WE CAN EXPECT...
AND WE'LL BE SNEAKING INTO THE EAST'S TERRITORY.
WE CAN'T TELL UZUME-SAN ABOUT THIS.
FIGHT? MATSU-SAN...
MUSUBI WILL GO!
KU TOO!!
IT'S REASONABLE TO THINK WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT.
...THAT THERE'LL BE AT LEAST ONE OR TWO SEKIREI GUARDING HER!

KUSANO-TAN WILL LEND US HER MULTI-PURPOSE POWERS.
MUSUBI-TAN WILL PROVIDE MOBILITY AND READY FIRE-POWER.
WE'LL NEED THEM BOTH FOR THIS OPERATION.
...THEN THERE'S ...
...BUT UZUME IS ONE OF OUR IZUMO INN FRIENDS.
...WE KNOW YOU'RE NOT NECESSARILY ON BOARD WITH THIS PLAN...
...TSUKI-UMI...
TURN

YOU ALSO HAVE SYNERGY WITH KUSANO-TAN'S ABILITY...!
GIVEN THE DELICATE NATURE OF INVADING A HOSPITAL...
...YOU'RE MUCH MORE SUITED TO THIS THAN ME AND KAZEHANA.
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT A FAN...OF HELPING OUT THOSE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT AGAINST...
...BUT A PERSON'S LIFE IS AT STAKE, HERE.
SO WON'T YOU HELP US...?
TSUKIUMI.
AND, WELL... UZUME IS A COMRADE WHO... HAS DINED ALONGSIDE US...
...THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE.
...HMPH.
IF IT'S YOU ASKING ME, MINATO...

EXCELLENT!
ADDITION-ALLY...!!
GET READY BECAUSE...
...MATSU WILL ALSO BE JOINING THIS OFFENSIVE!!
NO, WE MUST'VE MISHEARD THAT...
YES, I'M SURE THAT'S NOT WHAT SHE ACTUALLY SAID...
NOD NOD
WHY DON'T YOU ALL SEE THE REALITY OF THIS?

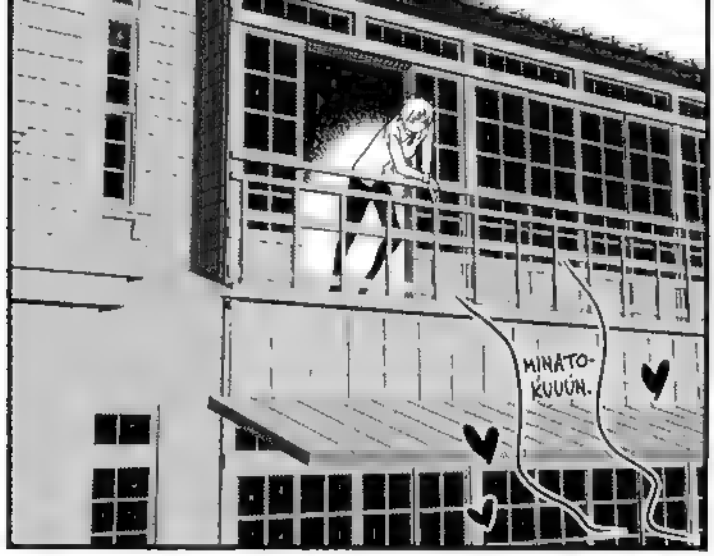
AS I KEEP SAYING, THIS WILL BE DELICATE.
WE'RE GOING TO STEAL A PATIENT, HERE.
THAT MEANS...
...MATSU HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO GET OFF HER BIG BUTT AND DO THIS!
THE GROUP SO FAR IS MISSING SOMEONE WHO CAN USE THEIR GRAY MATTER...
...BUT BRINGING MINA-TAN INTO THE EAST AREA WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS...
ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT NONE AMONG US CAN USE OUR HEADS...?
GREY MATTER?
GRRR.
WHOA, WHOA.
THAT WAS MERELY A FIGURE OF SPEECH!
I'M JUST SAYING YOU'LL NEED A STRATEGIST ON-SITE.
THE OTHER TWO WILL STAY ON STANDBY WITH MINA-TAN HERE AT IZUMO INN.

THERE IS SOMETHING THAT WORRIES ME THOUGH...
AH, NEVER MIND.
?
HOW DOES THAT SOUND ?
WE'LL CARRY OUT THE PLAN ON TAKEHITO-TAN'S MONTHLY DEATH DAY!
-KMMM

COME TO THINK OF IT...
...THE LANDLADY HASN'T MISSED A SINGLE MONTHLY TRIP...
...TO VISIT HER HUSBAND'S GRAVE.
MIYA, SHE...
SHE AND TAKEHITO-CHAN WERE REALLY HEAD OVER HEELS FOR EACH OTHER.
IT'S RATHER...
...HEART-RENDING, ISN'T IT?
WAFT
K-KAZE-HANA-SAN?

THANK YOU...
...MINATO-KUN.
FOR UZUME, I MEAN.
SURE, WE SEKIREI ARE DESTINED TO BATTLE AND ALL, BUT...
...I STILL SEE MYSELF AS THEIR BIG SISTER.
AND I REALLY JUST WANT ALL MY LITTLE SISTERS TO FIND HAPPINESS ...
I'M SURE MATSU AND KAGARI FEEL THE SAME WAY.
SQUEEZE
NO, THANK YOU... KAZEHANA-SAN.
BACK WHEN UZUME-SAN LEFT FOR GOOD...
...I SAID IT MIGHT BE MY FAULT, AND YOU...
...SAID SOMETHING TO ME.

HMM? SHE WAS GOING ON AND ON ABOUT HER ASHIKABI JUST BEFORE LEAVING, SO...
...I WAS SURE THAT'S WHO SHE WAS HEADED OUT TO MEET.
SHE'S PROBABLY ALL LOVEY-DOVEY WITH HER ASHIKABI RIGHT NOW. ♡♡
UZUME-CHAN IS, WELL... ♡
SAYING THAT... BACK THEN...
I WAS BLAMING MYSELF ABOUT UZUME-SAN, AND THAT WAS YOUR WAY...
...OF TELLING ME I DIDN'T HAVE TO, RIGHT?
SO, THANK YOU.


MINATO-KUUUN.

WHOA, KAZE-HANA-SAN!
AWWWW, MINATO-KUUUN. ♡♡
I SURE DID CHOOSE THE RIGHT MAN. ♡

THIS IS EXTREMELY UNCOM-FORTABLE... MM-HMM.

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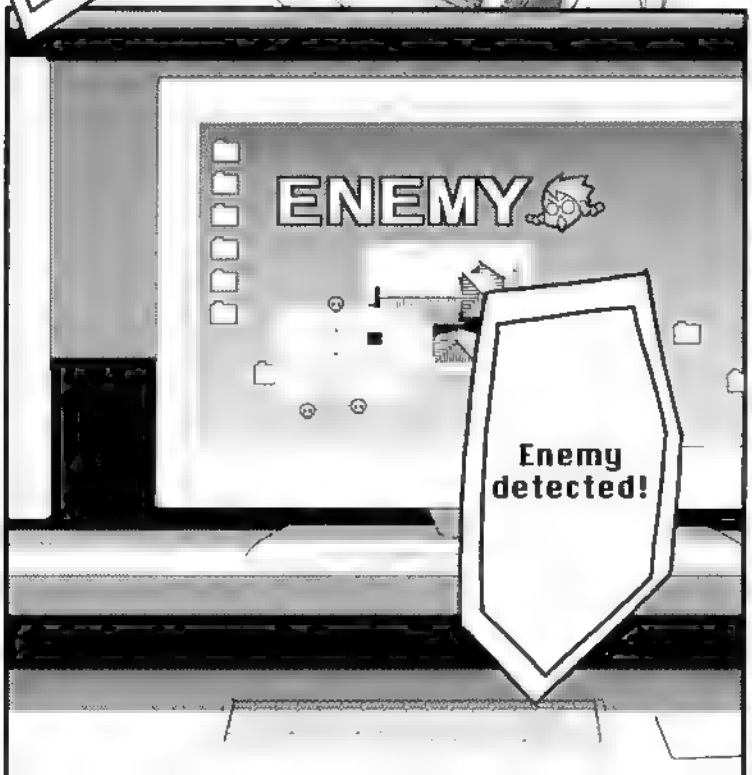
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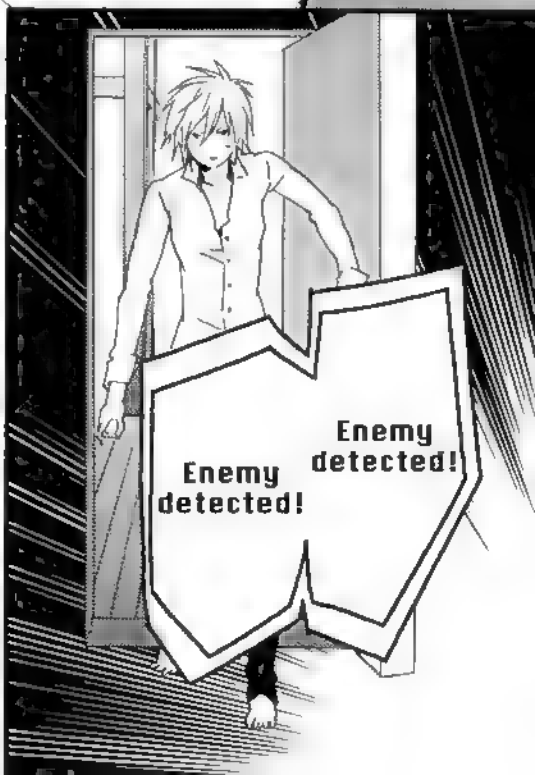
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FLAP
SO... THEY'VE COME.
...WE CAN RESOLVE THIS WITHOUT A FIGHT...
...I ONLY HOPE...
BEEP
Enemy detected!
BEEP
Enemy detected!

BEEP
Enemy detected!
BEEP
Enemy detected!
BEEP
Enemy detected!
UZUME-SAN...!

Chapter 104: Voice of a Friend

UZUME-SAN...!
UZUME-SAN, WAIT...
RIGHT NOW, MUSUBI-CHAN AND THE GIRLS ARE—
MMPH!
PICKING UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF...
HAND OVER... THE JINKI.

KAZE-HANA-SAN ...!?
SHH!
TWO MORE.
BEHIND UZUME.

HEY, HEY, SAT-CHAN.
ATTACKING AN ASHIKABI'S HOME OR SCHOOL...
ISN'T THAT JUST AS BAD AS KILLING THEM OUT-RIGHT?
THE DISCI-PLINARY SQUAD MIGHT SHOW UP...
SHADDUP, SHITODO! AND IT'S NOT "SAT-CHAN." I'M NO. 31, SAI!
ANYWAY, WE JUST GOTTA GET THIS DONE QUICKLY!
NO. 10!!
UZUME-SA—

FLAP
CLASH
...I HAD A FEELING YOU MIGHT SHOW UP HERE.

HOWEVER, MY DEAR VEILED SEKIREI...
...YOU WON'T BE GETTING PAST...
...THE GATE OF IZUMO INN.
SUCH A SHORT FUSE, SAT-CHAN.
SHAD-DUP!
ALL WE NEED IS THE DAMN JINKI!!
NOT SOME RUN-DOWN BOARDING-HOUSE.
HURRY UP AND PUSH ON THROUGH !!
WHAT'S THE HOLDUP, NO. 10!!?
GATE? WHO CARES ABOUT A STINKING GATE!?
GAH! PISSING ME OFF.

HOW ABOUT I JUST...
...SMASH THE DAMN GATE TO PIECES !!?

TSK, TSK...
NOW YOU'VE DONE IT.
OF COURSE UZUME WOULD KNOW WHAT DAY TODAY IS.
YOU MADE YOUR MOVE WHEN YOU KNEW MIYA WOULD BE OUT...
...AND IT REALLY IS LUCKY FOR YOU THAT SHE ISN'T HERE.
BECAUSE IF THE NORTHERN HANNYA CAUGHT WIND OF THIS, WELL...
...YOU'D BE PUT OUT OF COMMISSION AND THEN SOME.
I PERSONALLY RECOMMEND A SWIFT RETREAT.
HUHH!?
WHY WOULD WE RUN AWAY NOW, IDIOT!?
IF WE WENT BACK BEFORE STEALING THE JINKI, HI—OUR MASTER WOULD BE FURIOUS WITH US!!
CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG NOW.
YOU PRACTICALLY JUST ADMITTED THAT HIGA IS BEHIND ALL THIS.
AH...OF COURSE.

FUCK
...NO HELPING IT, THEN.
I, NO. 06, HOMURA, WILL BE YOUR OPPONENT!
BECAUSE IF WE HOUSE SITTERS LET YOU DESTROY THIS PLACE ANY FURTHER, WE'RE IN FOR A REAL BEATING FROM ONE SCAAARY HANNYA.
SNEAK
WH-WHILE THEY'RE DISTRACTED ...
...I'LL GET THE—
TCH...
A SINGLE NUMBER ...!

FWOOSH
EEYAH...
IZUMO INN DOESN'T CATER TO THIEVES OR STRONG-ARMING.
TOO BAD FOR YOU...
UHH...
UHHHH.

KACHAK
...WE CAN'T RETURN HOME...
MASTER'S ORDERS... WE HAVE TO CARRY THEM OUT. IF NOT...
BUT... BUT, BUT...
...WE HAVE TO...
WE HAVE TO...!!
I'M NO. 40, SHITODO.
HERE I COME.

I'M NO. 03, KAZE-HANA.
THERE IS NO LOVE IN YOUR PARTNER-SHIP...
...YOU POOR GIRL.
SHUDDER
N—
NO. 03...
SLASH
USE THIS CHANCE TO NAB THE JINKI.
HURRY.
HEY, NO. 10!
NO. 10!!
...UZUME-SAN.

UZUME-CHAN.
OUT OF...
...MY WAY!!

SAHA-SHI!
MINATO-KUN!
!

SLASH

FLOAT

I WAS GOING TO KILL YOU...
I WAS...!
WHY DIDN'T YOU DODGE?
WH-WHY...
IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR ASHIKABI TO DIE, HAND OVER THE JINKI!!
MATSU!
MATSU!! YOU'RE UP THERE, YEAH!?
SHE WENT OFF TO SAVE A CERTAIN SOME-ONE...
...ALONG WITH MUSUBI-CHAN, TSUKIUMI, AND KU-CHAN.
MATSU... ISN'T HOME.
THEY WENT TO SAVE SOMEONE WHO REALLY MATTERS..... TO A FRIEND OF OURS...

IF WE CAN GET HER TO THE MBI BUILDING, SHE'LL BE CURED.
...BECAUSE THE CEO PROMISED US.
A FRIEND IS A FRIEND.
BONDED AS SEKIREI AND ASHIKABI OR NOT...
WAIT...
YOU CAN'T MEAN...
I HELP MY FRIENDS.
UZUME-SAN.
SAHASHI... CHAN...

Chapter 105: A Beloved Friend of a Loved One

EEE...
...EE...
...EE...
...EE...
...EE...
BEEP
ENEMY!
BEEP
Enemy detected at Izumo Inn!
Enemy detected at Izumo Inn!

...SO SHE REALLY CAME?
IT'S UZUME-TAN.
!
SHE WAS SURE TO SHOW UP WHEN MIYA-TAN WAS OUT OF THE HOUSE...
...APPAR-ENTLY.
I'M SURE SHE'S AFTER THE JINKI...
WITH MINA-TAN THERE, I'M SURE HOMURA AND KAZEHANA CAN HOLD THEM OFF...
SHE'S GOT TWO OTHER SEKIREI AS BACKUP.
THEY'RE PROBABLY EAST'S.
...BUT WE'RE IN TROUBLE IF THEY CATCH ON TO OUR PART OF THE PLAN.
SO IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN JUST TELL UZUME-TAN WHAT'S GOING ON.
I ONLY HOPE MINA-TAN KNOWS HOW TO HANDLE THIS RIGHT...
SO THAT IS WHAT WORRIED YOU...!

...WE ARE MERE BRUTES. THAT TALK OF "DELICATE SITUATIONS" WAS A RUSE!
SEEMS AS THOUGH YOU'RE SAYING...
WAS THAT HOMURA'S REAL REASON FOR CONVINCING US TO LEAVE?
OHH, I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO THAT...
TSUKIUMI-TAN AND MUSUBI-TAN WOULD'VE JUMPED RIGHT INTO A REAL BATTLE AGAINST UZUME-TAN.
PHEW. I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE, TAKING YOU TWO WITH ME...!
OVER THERE!
IT'S THE HOSPI-TAL!
OH!
LET'S GIVE UZUME-SAN THE PEACE OF MIND SHE NEEDS!
LET'S HURRY!

...
SAHASHI-
CHAN...
I...I...
NO.
10!!
HURRY!
HURRY,
THE
JINKI!
AH...

!
DASH
HUG

S-SAHASHI-CHAN...
Shh.
Pretend we're fighting.

We've gotta keep this going until Matsu-san and the others secure the "target."

S...
Sorry about this.

Y-YOU CAN'T PASS THROUGH HERE.
I WON'T GIVE YOU THE JINKI.

...PERVY ASHIKABI!!
YOU...
TREMBLE
VHHH...
I KNOW I SAID "PRETEND," BUT COME ON, UZUME-SAN...
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAOS TO FEEL UP MY BOOBS, HUH?
SHOCK
B-BOOBS ...!?
GET OFFA ME—!
DON'T WORRY! MUSUBI-CHAN AND THE OTHERS...
...WILL DEFINITELY SUCCEED.

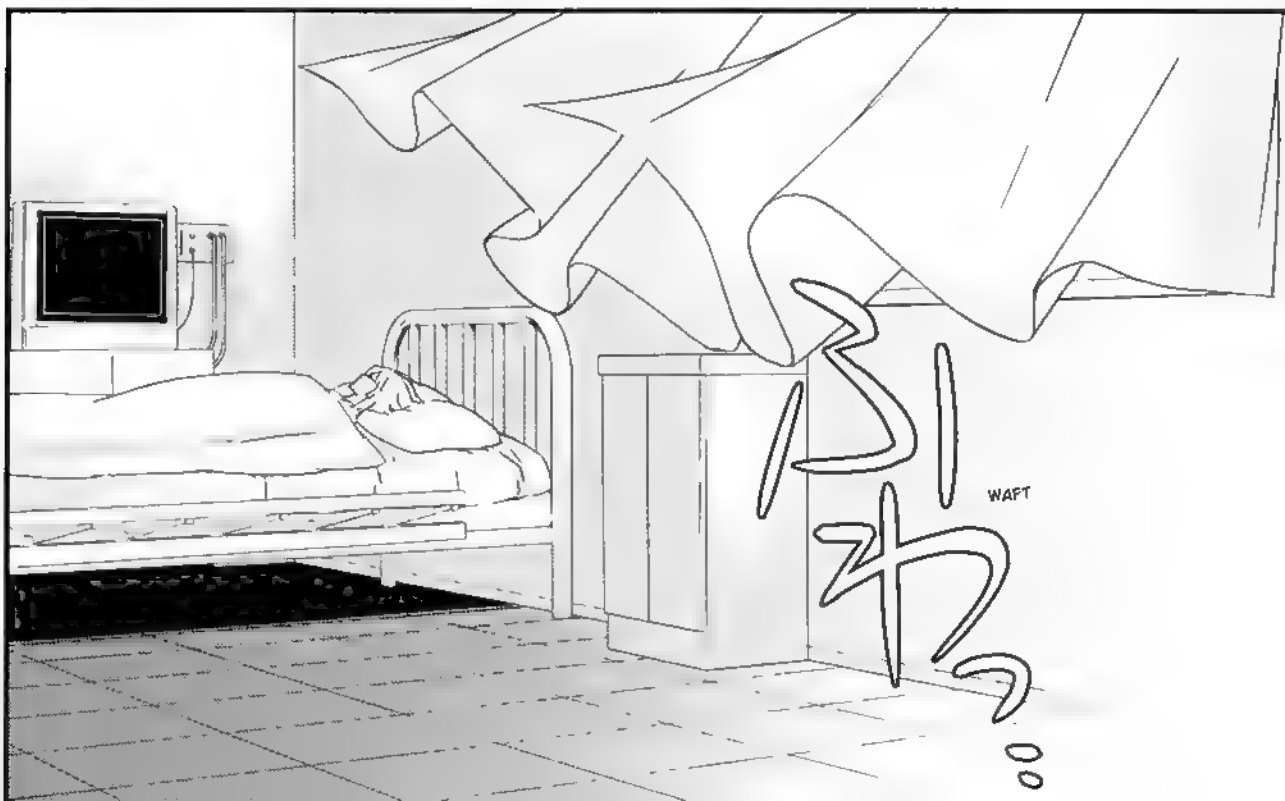
BUT IT'S SUNNY...
FSSHH
RAIN ...?
DRIP
...WATER BLADE.

WHA...?

...BY THE WATER OF MY CONTRACT ...
THUD
AH—
GLOW
...PURIFY THE ILLS...
...OF MY ASHIKABI ...!
NO. 79!!
A SEKIREI!?
WATER FESTIVAL !!

SPLASH
FWIP
WE'VE UNDER-GONE...
... DIFFERENT TRAINING, IT SEEMS.
!
TCH...
SLASH
I'VE BEEN BEATEN BY LANDLADY-DONO'S *LADLE* NEARLY EVERY DAY...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME...FOR THE SNEAK ATTACK.

THAT'S TWO TIMES NOW!
IT'S A LIGHT BLUE!
UWAH!
THE LIGHT FROM A SEKIREI CREST REACTING TO A NORITO...
THAT'S THE COLOR OF TSUKUMI-SAN'S NORITO!
THE GUARDS ARE DOWN, THEN.
GLOW
!
NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO HUSTLE.
ぽん!
POP
GRAB
OKAY.
KU-CHAN...
...PLEASE DO YOUR THING.


WAFT

UZUME
...
...
CHAN...?
PEEK
ぴょこっ

WE CAME TO GET YOU BECAUSE UZUME-SAN COULDN'T.
WE'RE U-CHAN'S FRIENDS!
AND YOU'RE U-CHAN'S ASHIKABI-SAN?
...WHO ARE YOU?

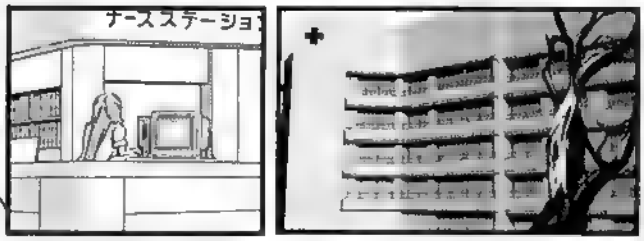
→Ring←
→Ring←
H-
HELLO?
MATSU-
SAN!?
→Ring←

Target secured.
Musubi-tan and Kusano-tan are bringing her to MBI as we speak.
SAHASHI-CHAN...
YOU GUYS .....!!
UZUME-SAN.....!

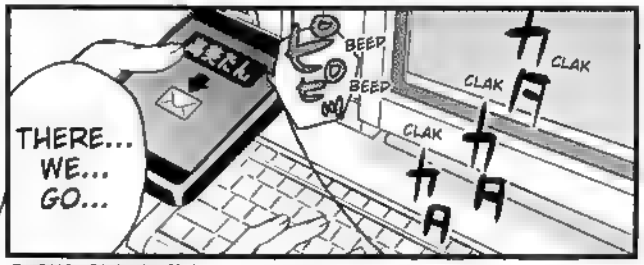
WE'VE COME TO SNATCH YOU AWAY!
...SO NOW YOU UNDERSTAND.
I'M SURE IT'S ALL A LITTLE HARD TO BELIEVE...
...US SHOWING UP HERE, TELLING YOU TO COME WITH US...
IN THE END...
...IT WAS ALL BECAUSE OF ME...
...SEEMED TO BE SUFFERING SOMETIMES...
UZUME-CHAN.
UZUME-CHAN, SHE...
ARE YOU CRYING AGAIN?
WHO, ME? NAH.
NOT CRYING.
KU KNOWS IT TOO!!
I KNOW IT!!
EVEN SO, I THINK...
...UZUME-SAN WAS REALLY HAPPY!!
...EVEN SO!

PLEASE TAKE ME WITH YOU.
MUSUBI-SAN... KUSANO-SAN...
MATSU-SAN...
YOU'RE ALL JUST AS UZUME-CHAN DESCRIBED YOU.....
MY DEAR UZUME-CHAN.
ALL FOR MY SAKE, SHE...
...STAYED SILENT AND CHOKED BACK HER TEARS.
I NEVER WANT TO SEE THAT AGAIN...

Chapter 106: Welcome Home



SIGN: NURSES' STATION



PHONE: TAKAMI-TAN

I FOUND ONE THAT FIT ME PERFECTLY IN A STORAGE ROOM...!
SEEMED LIKE THE PERFECT CHANCE TO TRY IT ON...!
CHANGE OUT OF THAT.
WE NEED TO LEAVE. NOW.
NO NEED TO GET SO MAD...
I JUST GOT A LITTLE EXCITED, BEING OUT OF THE HOUSE AND ALL...
OH, TSUKIUMI-TAN!
I'VE JUST FINISHED.
NOW MBI SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM STARTING THE TREATMENT...
WHY THAT GARB !!?
YES... YES. THE TWO GUARDS HAVE CEASED FUNCTIONING ...
...AND NO. 10'S ASHIKABI HAS VANISHED FROM HER ROOM.
A LARGE TREE APPEARED OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL, AND THE PLACE IS IN CHAOS.
YES...MOST LIKELY...IT'S THAT SAME TECHNIQUE OF NO. 108'S THAT YOU DEALT WITH, MASTER...

SNEAK
→Ring←
→Ring←
NO. BY THE TIME I ARRIVED, THEY'D ALREADY FLED THE SCENE...
LEAP
NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED IN THE HOSPITAL —!!
That you, Matsu? I've got the data.
Don't worry. Everything's gonna be fine on our end.
HEY!
NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED IN THE HOSP.....
Oh, looks like Musubi's here.
I'm hanging up.
CLICK
.....I'VE SPOTTED TWO OF THEM.
RE-QUESTING BACKUP.
N-NEVER MIND THAT. SHE CALLED FOR BACKUP...
WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE...!
WHAT A SENSIBLE SEKIREI SHE WAS.
ENEMY OR NOT, I APPLAUD HER.

→Ring←
→Ring←
HELLO?
...MOM!?
This girl's gonna be fine.
WE'VE GOT NO. 10'S ASHIKABI HERE...
...SO DON'T WORRY.

... Uzume-chan?
SAHA-SHI-CHA—
HERE, UZUME-SAN.
I LOVE YOU... UZUME-CHAN...
THANK YOU FOR BEING MY SEKIREI.
THANK YOU...
THANK YOU FOR BONDING WITH ME.
CHIHO ...
CHIHO ...
ME TOO...!
I LOVE YOU TOO.
... GONNA BE TOGETHER FOREVER ...
WE'RE...

NO. 10!!
SORRY ...
...BUT I'VE GOT NO REASON TO HELP YOU GUYS ANYMORE.
...YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.
WHAT!?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE.
BETTER RUN.
THESE TWO HERE ARE SUPER STRONG, Y'KNOW.
AND, WELL...
WE'RE SEKIREI OF THE EAST, AREN'T WE!?
HUHH...?
NO WAY WE'RE RUNNING.

AND SEKIREI WHO ARE USELESS TO MASTER...
...AREN'T ALLOWED TO KEEP LIVING...!
FOOM
SO WE CAN'T AVOID A FIGHT AFTER ALL... I SEE.
IN THAT CASE...
WE WILL FIGHT YOU AS SEKIREI, WITH ALL OUR MIGHT...!
WAFT

DAM-
MIT...!!
UWAAH!

...FLAME SWORD.
...WIND BLADE.

WHOOSH

...I'VE... BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE...
...FOR YOU GUYS LATELY...
NOT SURE HOW I CAN REALLY FACE YOU NOW...

I'VE...

...WELCOME HOME.

WELCOME HOME...
THAT SURE WAS A LONG WALK YOU WENT ON...
...UZUME-SAN.
...MM-HMM.
I'M HOME .....
RIGHT.

OHHH, DID YOU MAYBE PICK THE WRONG ASHIKABI, UZUME-CHAN?
THIS IS MOST DEFINITELY UNCOM-FORTABLE .....
HAAH ...
STRAIN
ASHI-KABI...!
IF I KILL THE ASHI-KABI...
...HIS SINGLE NUMBERS WON'T COUNT FOR SQUAT!!
GRIP

HUH?
WATCH OU—
!
...UZUME...
...SAN...?

Chapter 107: A Place to Call Home

...
UZUME...
...
SAN...?
UZUME-SAN!!

...TCH.
ACK...
I'VE...
...FAILED.
THUD
FADE
UZUME-SAN...!
UZUME-SAN.

UZUME-SAN!!
THAT'S GOOD... SAHASHI-CHAN...
YOU'RE SAFE...
UZUME-SAN... YOU TOOK THE HIT FOR ME...?
BUT... WHY...?
EH-HEH. MY BODY JUST MOVED ON ITS OWN.
...WHY? I WONDER ...

C-CALL AN AMBU-LANCE ...!
NO, GET MBI—
TOUCH
...MINATO-KUN.
... BUT...
...SAHASHI-CHAN.
GRAB
PLEASE.
...THAT GIRL.
CHIHO. WILL YOU .....?

UZUME-SA—
SHE'S... ALL ALONE.
SHE ONLY HAD ME.
SO PLEASE.....
WHEEZE
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE...
...I CAN TURN TO NOW...
YOU GUYS... I...
I'M SORRY...
I'VE BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE.
IT'S FINE...! DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, UZUME...
UZUME-CHAN.
DON'T WORRY.
MY ASHIKABI'S QUITE THE RELIABLE MAN.
...HEE HEE. I KNOW.

KAGARI...
BIG SIS KAZEHANA-SAN.
MATSU.
TSUKI-UMI.
MUSUBI-TAN.
KUSANO-TAN.
...WHO ALL MY BELOVED FRIENDS CHOSE...
YOU'RE THE MAN...
IZUME-SA.....
...SAYING, "I'M HOME" ...
SOME-DAY...I'LL COME BACK TO IZUMO INN WITH A SMILE...
I'M JUST...
...GOING OUT FOR ANOTHER WALK... THAT'S ALL...

SOME-
DAY...
I'LL...
YEAH...
THAT'S
RIGHT...
SOME-
DAY...
I'LL
GET TO
BE...
WITH
HER...
AND
THEN...
I'LL...
UZUME-
CHAN.
...
CHIHO
...
SORRY
...

I'LL... TAKE CARE OF EVERY-THING.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT COMES NEXT.
...UNDER-STOOD.
SAFE TRAVELS.
...THANK YOU...

CHIHO.
I'LL BE YOUR SEKIREI AGAIN. I PROMISE.
SOME-DAY, WHEN WE'RE SURE TO MEET AGAIN... I...

...AH.
...
HUH...?
WHAT IS THIS FEELING?
...
HUH...?
LATER, CHIHO.
HI-DAKA-SAN?
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HIDAKA-SAN?
UZUME-CHAN.....

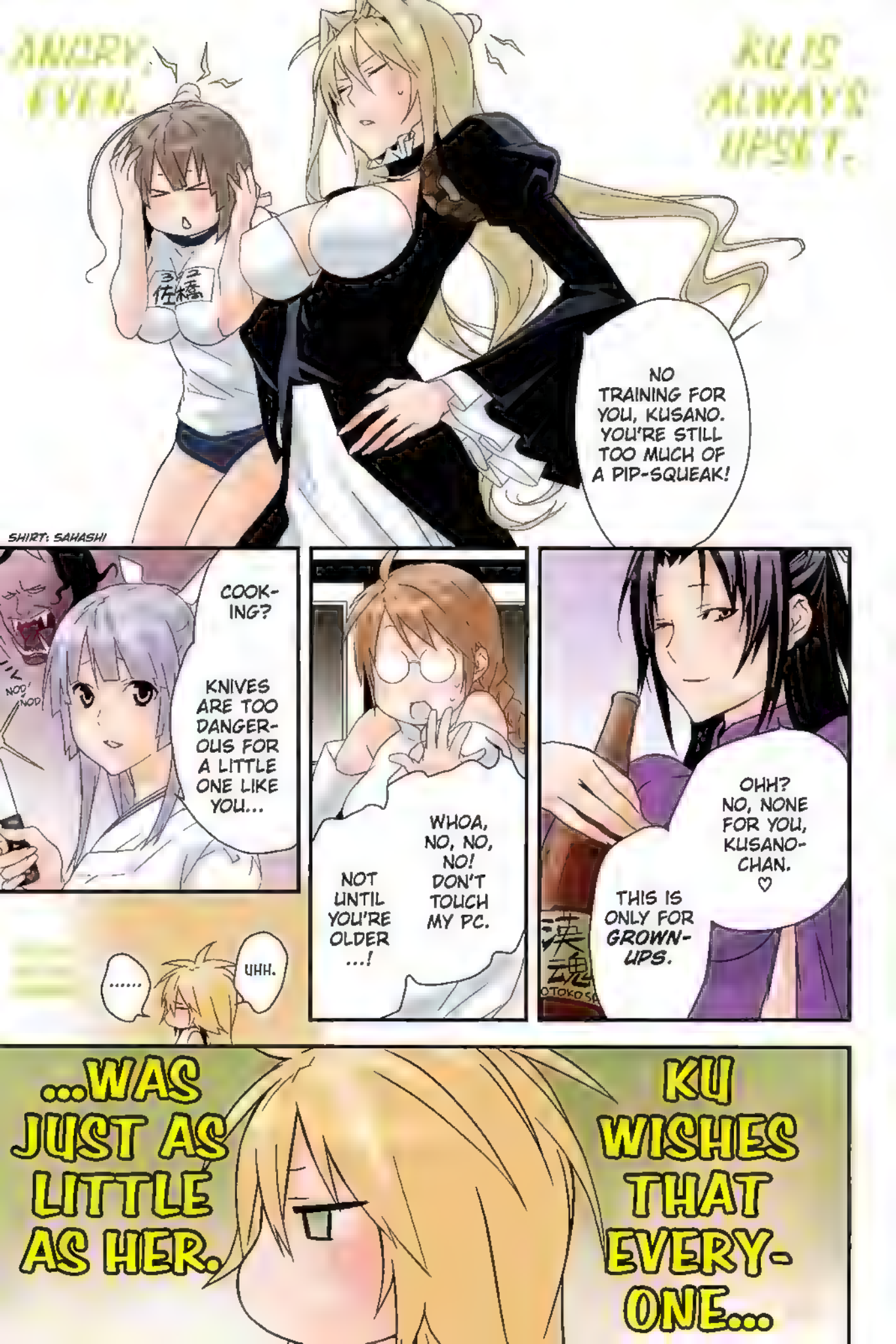
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM

FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
MBI...
THEY'RE HERE...
...TO "RETRIEVE" UZUME-SAN...?
RUMBLE

SCREEE
SLAM
バン!
イ...!
!
SEKIREI NO. 10, UZUME.
WE'RE CONFIRMING HER TERMINATION BY A LEVEL FOUR INJURY.
WE'D LIKE TO TAKE THE BODY INTO CUSTODY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE...

...HAND HER OVER TO US.
...SO PLEASE...

THE DISCI-PLINARY SQUAD ...!?
...BUT WHY...?


ANGRY, EVEN.
KU IS ALWAYS UPSET.
NO TRAINING FOR YOU, KUSANO. YOU'RE STILL TOO MUCH OF A PIP-SQUEAK!
SHIRT: SAHASHI
COOK-ING?
KNIVES ARE TOO DANGER-OUS FOR A LITTLE ONE LIKE YOU...
NOD, NOD
WHOA, NO, NO, NO! DON'T TOUCH MY PC.
NOT UNTIL YOU'RE OLDER ...!
OHH? NO, NONE FOR YOU, KUSANO-CHAN. ♡
THIS IS ONLY FOR GROWN-UPS.
OTOKO
UHH.
.....
...WAS JUST AS LITTLE AS HER.
KU WISHES THAT EVERY-ONE...

Side Story:
Kusano's Itty-Bitty Wonderland

Side Story:
Kusano's Itty-Bitty Wonderland

WAAAH!
WAAAH!
?
えーん
WAAAH!
えーん
WAAAH!
えーん
WAAAH!
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WAAAH!
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WAAAH!
えーん
BWAAAH!
!!
えーん
WAAAH!
えーん
WAAAH!
えーん
BWAAAH!

MUCHUBI'S HIS WIFE TOO!!
I AM MINATO'S WIFE!!
SHIRT: SAHASHI

TSU-CHAN...?
STOP! STOP IT, YOU TWO.
STOP FIGHTING ...!
MU-CHAN...?

BIG BROTHER !!
EVEN SMALLER THAN KU!!
PLEASE DON'T FIGHT...
EVERY-ONE'S ALL WEIRD.
EVERY-ONE'S...
STOMP
STOMP
MA—
MA-CHAN! MA-CHAAAN!
MA-CHA—
BAM!
GOO-GOO?
ALL SO NOISY, HUH?

BUBBLY DRINKS'RE THE BEST.
AHHH!
GULP
GULP
GULP
BOTTLE: COLA
YOU GOTTA BRUSH YOUR TEETH AFTER DRINKING SWEET THINGS.
GEEZ, KAZEHANA!
I'M ALWAYS TELLING YOU...
KAGARI-CHA...
FU-CHA...
STOMP
STOMP
MIYA-CHAN!
MIYA-CHAAAN.

TURN
くるーり
TAKEHITO-TAN...
WHERE IS HE?
TAKEHITO-TAN...
WHERE IS TAKEHITO-TAN?
DON'T CRY.
HEY, DON'T CRY, MIYA-CHAN.
AHH...
TAKEHITO-TAN...
DRIP
DRIP
TAKEHITO-TAAAN.
TAKEHITO-TAN.
WAAAH!
ひぃえっ

WAAAH!
TATTERED
BWAAAH!
AAAH!
AAH!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
BWAAAH!
GOO-GOO.
GRRAH!
THIS IS SO UNCOM-FORT-ABLE!
NOOO, GET AWAY FROM MY MINATO-KUN...!
BWAH!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
...CHAN.
KU-CHAN.

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
KU-CHAN?
AH!

YOU WERE HAVING A NIGHT-MARE, I THINK.
YOU OKAY?

BUZZ
BUZZ
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP

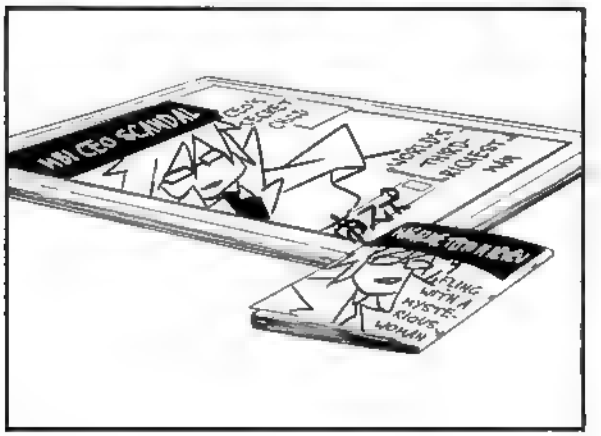
MAYBE IT'S GOOD KU'S THE ONLY LITTLE ONE AROUND HERE...
SORRY...
Sekirei 11 -End

HAPPENINGS BETWEEN CHAPTERS 102 AND 103

VOLUME'S END 4-PANEL EXTRAS

ON MY MIND
UMM, KAGARI-SAN...
...THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN ON MY MIND...
HEY, KAZE-HANA!
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE SHOWING TOO MUCH CLEAVAGE? HAVE SOME MODESTY!
WHAAT? THIS IS TOO MUCH? REALLY?
BESIDES, I JUST GOT OUT OF THE BATH.
KAGARI-SAN... SPEAK FOR YOUR-SELF...
MY EYES JUST KEEP SETTLING ON...THOSE.
IT'S NOT INTENTIONAL, I SWEAR.

SO OBVIOUS EVEN A MONKEY WOULD REALIZE



*AFTERWARD, TAKAMI SAID, "HE'S NOT DEAD, BUT STOP ASKING QUESTIONS." TALKING ABOUT DAD BECAME TABOO IN THE SAHASHI HOUSEHOLD FROM THEN ON.

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 12!

BIG BRO!!
WHY DIDN'CHA COME SAVE ME!!?
YUKARI
HITO-SHI
BIG BROTH-ER!

NIGHTMARES OF THE SAHASHI HOUSEHOLD...

Translation Notes

COMMON HONORIFICS

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-dono: A more archaic form of address similar to *-sama*.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-tan: A cutesier version of *-chan*.

Page 10 - *Hannya*

The *Hannya* is a classical Noh theater mask that resembles a horned demon and is also the intimidating "aura" face that often appears behind Miya when she's angry.

Page 20 - Fu-chan

Instead of calling Kazehana "Ka-chan," Kusano goes with "Fu-chan" because *fuu* is an alternate reading of the kanji for *kaze*.

Page 108 - Monthly Death Day

Death anniversaries are customarily observed in Japan, and some people even visit graves of loved ones on the monthly date of death. Both Matsu's plan and Uzume's attack hinged on knowing that Miya would be out of the house on Takehito's monthly death observance day, as is her habit.

Page 194 - Yukari

Yukari's name isn't usually written with kanji, so rather than giving the gender-swapped Yukari a new name based on the alternate reading of her name kanji, the author has given her "masculine" kanji—the ones for "brave" and "hunt."

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